

YOUR WORK MATTERS TO GOD

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Week 3: Raising The Next Generation

Five Ways To Bring Out The Best In Young People

1. Accept their _____ completely

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.
Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

Enemies of uniqueness:

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Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else.
Galatians 6:4 (NLT)
- _____
Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.
Romans 12:2 (NASB)

Help them discover who GOD made them to be!

2. Affirm their _____ constantly

"But don't be afraid of those who threaten you. For the time is coming when everything that is covered will be revealed, and all that is secret will be made known to all. 27 What I tell you now in the darkness, shout abroad when daybreak comes. What I whisper in your ear, shout from the housetops for all to hear!

28 "Don't be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 What is the price of two sparrows—one copper coin? But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. 30 And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. 31 So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows. Matthew 10:26-31 (NLT)

Three ways to affirm their value:

3. Trust them with _____ increasingly

"Whoever can be trusted with a little can also be trusted with a lot. And if you cannot be trusted with things that belong to someone else, who will give you things of your own?"

Luke 16:10,12 (NCV)

2 essential qualities today:

- _____
- _____
The righteous may fall seven times but still get up
Proverbs 24:16 (CEV)

4. Correct without _____

For the Lord corrects those he loves,
just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights.
Proverbs 3:12 (NLT)

Punishment = Penalty for the past
Discipline = Correction for the future

A refusal to correct is a refusal to love;
love your children by disciplining them. Proverbs 13:24 (MSG)

Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.
Ephesians 4:29 (NLT)

5. Love them _____ and _____

Be kind and loving to each other, forgiving each other just as God forgave you in Christ.
Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

Love knows no limit to its endurance, no end to its trust, no fading of its hope; it can outlast anything. 1 Corinthians 13:7 (Ph)

Even if the mountains heave up *from their anchors*, and the hills *quiver and* shake, I will not desert you. You can rely on My enduring love...
Isaiah 54:10 (NLT)

Reverence for God gives a man deep strength; his children have a place of refuge and security.
Proverbs 14:26 (TLB)

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Enemies of uniqueness:

- Comparing

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Galatians 6:4 (NLT)

- Conforming

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Three ways to affirm their value:

Visual Attention, Physical Affection, Verbal Appreciation

3. Trust them with responsibility increasingly

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2 essential qualities today:

- Responsibility

- Resilience

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Proverbs 24:16 (CEV)

4. Correct without condemning

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RAISING THE NEXT GENERATION Talk-it-Over Notes | September 24-25, 2022

REVIEW IT

If parenting is work, that doesn't mean you're doing it wrong. It can be difficult, but God is using the different generations in our lives to pass off the wonderful deeds of God. So, how can we bring out the best in the young people around us? First, we accept their God-given uniqueness completely. Each of us are a piece of art created by God. Comparison and conformity are enemies to that uniqueness, but we can help people accept their true identity, who God made them to be. Next, we affirm their value constantly. Through visual attention, physical affection and verbal appreciation. We are valuable because God created us, Jesus died for us and the Holy Spirit lives in us.

Spend some time in the word... **Read Matthew chapter 10**

TALK ABOUT IT

- What stood out to you from that scripture reading?
- Thinking through the points in the message... Who is someone in your life who has accepted you completely?
- How can comparison and/or conforming be enemies of uniqueness?
- Who is someone in your life who has affirmed your value? How so?

ACT ON IT

Write down some ideas for how you can show attention, affection and appreciation to your kids this week. Share some ideas with one another.

PRAY ABOUT IT

What do you need prayer for today? Take some time to ask how you can pray for and support one another this week. Then, close praying for one another.