



# Parenting 101

## Where Do We Begin?

Genesis 18:17-19; Deuteronomy 6:1-2; Proverbs 22:6.

What is the simple teaching of all three passages? *Come under the authority of the Lord.*

With the first tiny gasp of breath and glorious sound of the first cry, at the moment of birth, every child is faced with only two choices! Will I go the way I \_\_\_\_\_ go or shall I go the way I \_\_\_\_\_ go? As a parent, I can not make my child decide correctly; but with every ounce of my energy, by God's grace, I will do all I can do to bring my child under God's authority, going in the way he should go.

Basics for Parents and Grandparents.

1. I must really believe \_\_\_\_\_

- A. **Gift from God-** Genesis 33:5
- B. **God's provision guaranteeing next generation-** Psalm 127:3.
- C. **Wonderful blessings and a source of joy-** Psalm 127:5.
- D. **Sinners by birth-** Psalm 51:5 and **later by choice** Romans 5:12.
- E. **Able to grasp and understand spiritual truths-** 2 Timothy 3:15
- F. **Can trust Lord for salvation-** Mark 10:13-16.

2. I must really believe \_\_\_\_\_

A. I am going to need \_\_\_\_\_ James 1:5. This child is the only "possession" I have that I can keep forever. My house, furnishings, job, portfolio, hobbies, collections, wardrobe, and dozens of other things important to me, will all be left behind! My children and grandchildren are the only "possessions" I can take with me forever.

B. I am going to need \_\_\_\_\_ Deuteronomy 6:5-7.

C. I am going to need to \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1. Psalm 128.
- 2. Deut. 6:4-7; 2 Timothy 3:15-17.
- 3. Proverbs 1:8-9.
- 4. Proverbs 3:11-12.
- 5. 1 Timothy 5:8

D. I am going to need to work with my mate, as to how we seek to accomplish the ten basic goals for our children.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_. Without pushing to a premature decision, I desire my child to make a decision for Christ as early in life as the Lord allows. 2 Timothy 3:15.
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_. I want God to be real every day in the life of my child. Phil 3:10.

3. \_\_\_\_\_. While there is nothing wrong with material possessions, I do want my child to understand the true meaning of lasting joy. Galatians 5:22-23.

4. \_\_\_\_\_. I know my child is wonderful; but he or she must learn the truth that the universe doesn't revolve around him or her. Therefore, he or she will have to adjust and be flexible when it comes to wants and wishes. Philippians 4:11-12.

5. \_\_\_\_\_. This is the opposite of being self-centered, arrogant and selfish. Romans 12:1-2; 13:1-8.

6. \_\_\_\_\_. What a great undertaking to bring my child into a lifelong learning of how to master things, rather than they mastering the person. 1 Corinthians 4:2.

7. \_\_\_\_\_. No believer has to live a miserable, defeated and ruined life. God has made ample provision for the believer according to Ephesians 6. This is made real as we apply the principles of Romans 6.

8. \_\_\_\_\_. What a tremendous truth is contained in the little statement, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding..." The Bible is my operator's manual with all the directions I need for life. 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

9. \_\_\_\_\_. Well balanced people know how to receive it and how to give it. They do not make people guess. They make it obvious! 1 John 3:1, 18.

10. \_\_\_\_\_. As soon as I know we are expecting, it is time to begin to pray for the mate of my child. I need to make sure our marriage will be an example. My teaching must prepare my child for making the second biggest decision of a lifetime. Ephesians 5:21-33.



### ***3. For Grandparents and Foster Grandparents Only! Proverbs 13:22***

The Top Five Things Every Grandparent should leave their grandchild.

5. Concerning my blessings, I ***THANKED*** the Lord faithfully- Psalm 95.
4. Concerning my sin, I ***TURVED*** from it victoriously- Romans 6:22.
3. Concerning my children, I ***TAUGHT*** them earnestly- Deuteronomy 6:7.
2. Concerning the Bible, I ***TREASURED*** it dearly- Psalm 119: 72, 127.
1. Concerning Christ, I ***TRUSTED*** Him fully- Acts 16:31.

4. Uncle Mike's Top Twenty Daily "To-Do" List for wise (not perfect!!) parenting.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Love the Lord personally.</li><li>B. Practice the Word consistently.</li><li>C. Put God first faithfully.</li><li>D. Share testimony personally.</li><li>E. Pray for children lovingly.</li><li>F. Lead family worship daily.</li><li>G. Love your mate totally.</li><li>H. Discipline children biblically.</li><li>I. Train children carefully/prayerfully.</li><li>J. Screen TV and internet fully.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>K. Invest time generously.</li><li>L. Give of self conversationally.</li><li>M. Expose good reading earnestly.</li><li>N. Tell them "I love you" repeatedly.</li><li>O. Oppose Satan and sin vigorously.</li><li>P. Submit to God's will completely.</li><li>Q. Guard your child continually.</li><li>R. Serve in your local church cheerfully.</li><li>S. Be a good testimony constantly.</li><li>T. Remember God is in control, joyfully.</li></ul> |
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