

HOW TO BRING OUT THE BEST IN KIDS (OR ANYONE ELSE)

The Purpose Driven Family – Part 1

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1. _____
“We are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10

“God works through different people in different ways...” 1 Corinthians 12:6

ENEMIES OF UNIQUENESS

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“We do not dare to compare ourselves. . . it is foolish!” 2 Corinthians 10:12

“Do your own work well, then you will have something to be proud of. But never compare yourself with others!” Galatians 6:4 (CEV)

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“Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by changing how you think.” Romans 12:2

“. . . Love does not demand its own way . . .” 1 Cor. 13:5 (LB)

2. _____
“Not even a sparrow can fall to the ground without our Heavenly Father knowing it . . . and YOU are far more valuable to God!” Matt. 10:29, 31 (NLT)

WHY ARE YOU SO VALUABLE?

• _____ Psalm 139:13-14

• _____ 1 Peter 1:19

• _____ 1 Corinthians 6:19

WAYS TO AFFIRM VALUE

“Your Father in heaven pays great attention to you, down to the last detail – even numbering the hairs on your head!” Matt. 10:30 (Mes)

(God) “I drew them to me with affection and love. I picked them up and I held them to my cheek.” Hosea 11:4 (TEV)

God SAYS “You are precious to me! I treat you with honor, and I love you!” Isaiah 43:4

“A word of encouragement does wonders!” Proverbs 12:25 (LB)

3. _____
“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 MISSING QUALITIES TODAY

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“We are each responsible for our own conduct.” Gal. 6:5 (NLT)

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“Even good people fall seven times, but they always get back up.” Pr. 24:16 (CEV)

4. _____
“The Lord disciplines those he loves, just like a father corrects the child that he delights in.” Proverbs 3:12

Punishment = penalty for the past No!
Discipline = correction for the future Yes!

“If you refuse to discipline your children, it proves you don’t love them; if you love your children, you’ll be prompt to discipline them.” Proverbs 13:24

Discipline your children while they are young enough to learn. If you don’t, you are helping them destroy themselves.” Pr. 19:18 (TEV)

“FATHERS, don’t keep on scolding and nagging your children, making them angry and resentful. Instead, bring them up with the LOVING discipline that God approve, with suggestions and godly advice.” Ephesians 6:4 (LB)

“Don’t use harmful words . . . Use only helpful words, the kind that build up . . .” Eph. 4:29 (GN)

5. _____
“Be kind and loving to each other, forgiving each other just as God forgave you in Christ.” Eph. 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 Cor. 13:7 (Ph)

“The mountains and hills may crumble but my love for you will never end; so says the Lord who loves you.” Isaiah 54:10 (TEV)

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