

Children Learn What They Live

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If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.
If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.
If children live with fear, they learn to be apprehensive.
If children live with pity, they learn to feel sorry for themselves.
If children live with ridicule, they learn to feel shy.
If children live with jealousy, they learn to feel envy.
If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.
If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.
If children live with tolerance, they learn patience.
If children live with praise, they learn appreciation.
If children live with acceptance, they learn to love
If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.
If children live with recognition, they learn it is good to have a goal
If children live with sharing, they learn generosity.
If children live with honesty, they learn truthfulness.
If children live with fairness, they learn justice.
If children live with kindness and consideration,
they learn respect.
If children live with security,
they learn to have faith in themselves and in those about them.
If children live with friendliness,
they learn the world is a nice place in which to live.



“Parenting in the 21st Century”

2 Tim. 1:1-7, 2 Tim 3:14-15

¹ *Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,*

² *To Timothy, my dear son:*

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ *I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.*

⁶ *For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.*

2 Timothy 1: 1-7 (NIV)

¹⁴ *But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.*

2 Timothy 3:14-15 (NIV)

Introduction

Godly parents:

1. Have a **Vital Relationship** with God
2. **Love** their **Spouse**
3. **Teach** the **Word to their children**
4. **Model** their **Faith**
5. **Pray** for and with their children
6. **Protect** their children
7. **Bless** their children

Conclusion

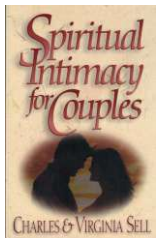
For Further Study:



How to Save Your Kids from Ruin?

by Jerry Johnston

Parents who feel out of touch with their kids (and the crazy world in which their kids live!) are searching for a way to reconnect, to understand. This book provides strategies and skills training for those eager to communicate with their children.



Spiritual Intimacy for Couples

by Charles & Virginia Sell

This practical book shows couples how to create a spiritual partnership that will deepen their faith and strengthen their marriage as, together, they learn to worship God. The authors' experience, wisdom and struggles can help Christian couples jumpstart their spiritual oneness and keep it running for the length of their lives.

The Love Chapter for Mothers

If I talk to my children about what is right and what is wrong, but have not love, I am like a ringing doorbell or pots banging in the kitchen. And though I know what stages they will go through, and understand their growing pains, and can answer all their questions about life, and believe myself to be a devoted parent, but have not love, I am nothing.

If I give up the fulfillment of a career to make my children's lives better, and stay up all night baking cookies on short notice, but grumble about the lack of sleep, I have not love and accomplish nothing.

A loving mother is patient with her children's immaturity and kind even when they are not; a loving mother is not jealous of their youth, nor does she hold it over their heads whenever she has sacrificed for them. A loving mother does not push her children into doing things her way. She is not irritable, even when flu has kept her confined with three whining children, and does not resent the child who brought the affliction into the home in the first place.

A loving mother is not relieved when her disagreeable child finally disobeys her directly and she can punish him, but rather rejoices with him when he is being more cooperative. A loving mother bears much of the responsibility for her children, she believes in them; she hopes in each one's individual ability to stand out as light in a dark world; and she endures every backache and heartache to accomplish that.

A loving mother never really dies. As for home-baked bread, it will be consumed and forgotten; as for spotless floors, they will soon gather dust and heel marks. And as for children, well, right now toys, friends and food are all important to them. But when they grow up it will have been how their mother loved them that will determine how they love others. In that way she will live on.

So care, training, and a loving mother reside in a home, these three, but the greatest of these is a loving mother.

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