

# FAMILY MATTERS PART 5: THE GOAL OF PARENTING

1. WHAT IS YOUR GOAL FOR PARENTING YOUR KIDS? (HOW ARE YOU HOPING THEY WILL TURN OUT?)

2. GOD'S GOAL FOR PARENTING:

- A. God invented marriage/family (Gen. 2:24)
- B. God's goal: \_\_\_\_\_ (Mal. 2:15)
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ has value for *every* area of my child's life (academics, sports, work, family, etc) both now and in the life to come (1 Tim. 4:8)
- D. Godliness is "\_\_\_\_\_ to God that produces a life pleasing to Him."
  - i. Deep \_\_\_\_\_ for God
  - ii. \_\_\_\_\_ of God (Gal. 5:22-23)
  - iii. Living for God's \_\_\_\_\_

3. HOW DO WE DEVELOP GODLINESS IN OUR CHILDREN (DEUT. 6:4-9)

- A. It starts with \_\_\_\_\_ walk with God (6:5)
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ godliness in front of your kids (6:6)
- C. The primary trainer in godliness is the \_\_\_\_\_ (6:7)
  - i. Teach \_\_\_\_\_ (6:7)
  - ii. Teach the \_\_\_\_\_ (6:7)
  - iii. Teach \_\_\_\_\_ (6:7)
  - iv. Teach \_\_\_\_\_ (6:8-9)
    - 1. *Practical Ways to Teach Godliness*
      - a. *Regular \_\_\_\_\_ Bible time—read and discuss Scripture, and pray together*

- b. *Pray for, Watch for and Create opportunities throughout the day. (What is truly “on your heart” (v. 5) will find a ready opportunity for discussion).*
- c. *When instructing, give the Biblical reason why*
- d. *When correcting, give the Biblical reason why*
- e. *Replace some amusements with Scripture intake—Redeem Windshield time.*
- f. \_\_\_\_\_ *Scripture as a family*

- 2. *Inconsistency sabotages our efforts at training in godliness.*
  - a. *QUESTION TO CONSIDER: What am I/are we doing to undermine godliness in our children?*
  - b. *Protect your kids from the enemies of their hearts and minds. Get all Mama/Papa Bear on this task.*

If you don't diligently teach your kids how to live godly lives, Disney and the world will happily teach them how to live \_\_\_\_\_ lives. "Foolish children bring grief to their fathers and bitter regrets to their mothers." (Proverbs 17:25)

**TAKE ACTION:**

1. Area(s) my family is off-track that I/we need to repent of?

2. What I understood God saying I needed to commit to:

3. Areas of my spiritual life that are weak/deficient that I need to seriously get help about: