

Raising Great Kids While You Build a Great Marriage

MARRIAGE ON THE ROCK

Deuteronomy 5:9-10 I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

A child is _____ in the direction he observes his parents.

Choose a counter-balancing _____ to pass on to your children.

Proverbs 22:6 Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Training means _____.

NEED #1: _____

_____ Affection

_____ Affirmation

NEED #2: _____

NEED #3: _____

NEED #4: _____

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

DISCIPLINE

Shape your child's _____ without breaking his spirit.

To discipline means to _____.

Hebrews 12:11 *No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.*

FIVE THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN TRAINING YOUR CHILD WITH DISCIPLINE

Define the _____ before they are enforced.

When challenged, respond with _____ decisiveness and unity.

Keys For Unity:

- A. Be in _____ in the areas of discipline.
- B. Discuss it _____.
- C. _____ parents should be disciplinarians.
- D. Don't make _____ parenting decisions without your spouse.

Mark 3:25 *If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.*

Distinguish the _____ between willful defiance and childish irresponsibility.

Reassure and teach _____ the confrontation.

It's the _____ that influences behavior, not anger.

Shape the will without breaking the spirit. Will and spirit are two different things. Too often we attack the spirit and assassinate with anger without challenging the will to shape into a vessel that honors God.

Couple Prayer: God, we thank you so much for our children. Relating to kids helps us understand how you relate and love us. Help us prioritize our marriage first and foremost in front of our children so that we can show them how to love their future spouse. God, we repent to each other and to you for when we have not been united in front of our kids. Give us patience and faith to be the parents that you desire from this day forward. Amen