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Raising Children

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“By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.” – Proverbs 24:3-4

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Two very important aspects
when it comes to raising children:

1. Hope.
2. Perspective.

*“by wisdom a house is built
and through understanding it
is established.”* – Proverbs 24:3

“rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.” – Proverbs 24:4

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In the early years we love our children by:

1. Developing a biblical foundation for them.

“Fathers... bring up your children in the training and instruction of the Lord.” – Eph. 6:4

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“You must love him with all your heart, soul and mind and you must think constantly about these commandments I’m giving you today. You must teach them to your children and talk about them when you are at home, out for a walk, at bedtime and first thing in the morning.” – Deuteronomy 6:5-7 NIV

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In order to lay a biblical foundation in your children's lives you must:

- Know God.

“You must love him with all your heart, soul and mind.” – Deuteronomy 6:5

“Knowing God results in every other kind of understanding.” – Proverbs 9:10 LB

“Everything else is worthless compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.” – Philippians 3:8 LB

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In order to lay a biblical foundation in your children's lives you must:

- Expose them to spiritual truths.

“You must teach them to your children and talk about them when you're at home, out for a walk, at bedtime and first thing in the morning.” – Deut. 6:7

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In the early years we love our children by:

2. Protecting their innocence.

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*“Above all else, guard
your heart, for it is the
wellspring of life.”* – Proverbs 4:23

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“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.” – Philippians 4:8 NIV

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Practical ways to protect the heart and innocence of young children:

- Make your home a refuge.

“Whoever fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for their children it will be a refuge.” – Prov. 14:26

Practical ways to protect the heart and innocence of young children:

- Keep and secure a sense of wonder.

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In the early years we love our children by:

3. Establishing family values.

*“Train up a child in the way
he should go, even when
he is old he will not depart
from it.”* – Proverbs 22:6 NAS

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“And now just as you accepted Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down deep into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught and you will overflow with thankfulness.” – Colossians 2:6-8 NAS

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Establishing our family's values and building on biblical truths allows our children's roots to grow down deep. And these roots will result in strong faith and joyful hearts.

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Our families have an intricate set of values:

- Train your children in spiritual matters naturally.

Our families have an intricate set of values:

- Fight for your marriage.

Our families have an intricate set of values:

- Have friendship and connection with other couples.

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“Be very careful never to forget what you have seen God doing for you. May his miracles have a deep and permanent effect upon your lives! Tell your children and your grandchildren about the glorious miracles he did.” – Deut. 4:9

In the early years we love our children by:

4. Teaching them to
enjoy the moments.

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*“Children are a gift from the Lord;
they are a reward from him.
Happy is the man whose
quiver is full of them.”* – Psalm 127:3-5

“He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, ‘Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.’” – Mark 9:36-37 LB

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Enjoying the moments:

- Be present as much as possible.

Enjoying the moments:

- Make memories.

“Choose today whom you will serve... As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” – Josh. 24:15

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