



TALK IT OVER

UNDER MY ROOF: RAISING A GENERATION

BOTTOM LINE

Our goal is to inspire them and train them to love the Lord their God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What was your favorite childhood book and why? What's your favorite kids' show?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily:
newpointe.org/thedaily
[Parenting in the 21st Century](#) is a series by Andy Stanley that will give plenty of direction and hope to parents.

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their life.
Proverbs 22:6 GNT

No one plans on being a bad parent. But how badly do you want to be a good one? Are you intentionally planning and working to be a good one? To raise good kids, for them to have a faith that lasts, you must have your identity, authenticity, character, and greatness rooted and strengthened in Christ. Every other ground is sinking and shifting.

Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth.
Psalm 127:3-4 NIV

Notice it doesn't say that children are like swords in the hands of a warrior. Why? Because arrows were meant to be shot and sent to places the warrior could never go. We're not raising our kids to be extensions of ourselves. We're raising them to change the world in ways we could never do ourselves. This is our mandate as parents. Raising our kids for something bigger than the "American Dream." Raising them for eternal life.

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We must desire that our kids actually GO right instead of look right. Why do you think it's easy for parents to over-care what other people think? How can a parent overcome that?

True faith is when what we say we believe actually makes a difference in our moral choices. Poise is a keen sense of the appropriate and doing the things you NEED to do WHEN you NEED to do them, so that you can do the things you WANT to do WHEN you WANT to do them. Discipline is foregoing the immediate to guarantee the ultimate. How can these traits be taught? Humility is vital. How does it play a part in parenting?

ACTION STEPS (This or one of your own)

We will write, discuss, and post a family mission statement. We will read it and discuss our progress at least monthly.

My Action Step: _____
