

Raising Well Adjusted Children

Acts 2:17, 39

Psalm 127:3-5

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

- Goal of parenting is to raise children, who become well adjusted, successful adults
- Success = life well lived
- Raising well adjusted children

Good Parenting

- It is a personal mission
- Take responsibility for your home's atmosphere ~ ethos
- Be a positive role model
- Example is the best teacher
- Accept that you are not a perfect parent. But, that is no excuse for not improving
- Do what is best for your child, not necessarily what she wants to do, or what is the easiest to do.
- "No" is a good answer sometimes, if you have good reasons
- "Yes" is a good answer sometimes, if it is a faith or growth opportunity

Rules for raising a delinquent child

- Give him everything he wants and whines for
- Don't correct bad behavior
- Pick up after her always
- Quarrel frequently in his presence
- Take her side against authority figures

Create a loving atmosphere in your home

- Unconditional love
- Love is spelled T-I-M-E
- Cheer victories & comfort defeats
- Reward effort
- Laughter is best medicine
- Remember they are children, not adults
- Listen to them

Give them tools for success

- Good work habits
 - Do more than what is expected
 - If a thing is worth doing, it's worth doing well
 - Work first - Play after
 - Do the most difficult thing first
- Teach & model forgiveness
- Teach basic manners
 - Please & thank you
 - Nice to meet you
 - Meal manners
- Teach them to be life long learners