

SURVEY SAYS

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HOW TO RAISE KIDS IN TODAY'S CULTURE

Trust GOD from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for GOD's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track.
Proverbs 3:5-6

A song for pilgrims ascending to Jerusalem. A psalm of Solomon. Unless the LORD builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted. Unless the LORD protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good. It is useless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, anxiously working for food to eat; for God gives rest to His loved ones. Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from Him. Children born to a young man are like arrows in a warrior's hands. How joyful is the man whose quiver is full of them!
Psalms 127:1-5a NLT

THREE PARENTING STYLES:

- TOO HARD - overly controlling.
- TOO SOFT - overly permissive.
- JUST RIGHT - firm and loving.

Through [skillful and godly] wisdom a house [a life, a home, a family] is built, And by understanding it is established [on a sound and good foundation],
Proverbs 24:3 AMP

THREE REMINDERS WHEN RAISING CHILDREN

1. PARENTING IS ABOUT STEWARDSHIP NOT OWNERSHIP

I asked the LORD to give me this boy, and He has granted my request. Now I am giving him to the LORD, and he will belong to the LORD his whole life." And they worshiped the LORD there.
1 Samuel 1:27-28 NLT

BEING A GOOD STEWARD IS NOT:

- Giving them everything they want
- Getting them out of every jam
- Calling their coaches and teachers when they didn't get their way
- Doing their school projects

"Don't teach your child to be entitled, teach them to be resilient."

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2. WE ARE TO TRAIN UP CHILDREN ACCORDING TO THEIR GIFTING

Train up a child in the way he should go [and in keeping with his individual gift or bent], and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6 AMPC

Fathers, don't make your children bitter. If you do, they will lose hope.

Colossians 3:21 NIV

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:21-23 ESV

3. CHILDREN NEED TO KNOW THAT GOD IS FIRST, AND THEN COMES MARRIAGE.

"But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Joshua 24:15b NIV

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Genesis 2:24 NKJV

"One of the best gifts you can give your children is a strong marriage."