

MODELING FAITH TO OUR CHILDREN

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“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! He will not be put to shame when he confronts his accusers at the city gates.”

(Psalm 127:1-5, NLT)

1. Make your home a place of love.

“The Lord is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him.” (Psalm 103:13, NLT)

“Dear children, let’s not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.” (1 John 3:18, NLT)

- a. Make sure they know that you love them.
- b. Share with them God’s love.

2. Teach them the truth.

“Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.”

(Ephesians 5:1-2, NLT)

“You must be very careful not to forget the things you have seen God do for you. Keep reminding yourselves, and tell your children and grandchildren as well.”

(Deuteronomy 4:9, CEV)

“We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders.”
(Psalm 78:4, NLT)

3. Model being a passionate follower of Christ.

“Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ.”
(Ephesians 5:1-2a , NLT)

a. Make Bible Reading a part of your routine.

“...tell them to your children over and over again. Talk about them all the time, whether you’re at home or walking along the road or going to bed at night, or getting up in the morning. Write down copies and tie them to your wrists and foreheads to help you obey them. Write these laws on the door frames of your homes and on your town gates.”
(Deuteronomy 6:7-9, CEV)

b. Make Prayer are part of your life

“Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.” (Ephesians 6:18, NLT)

- Pray as a part of your morning routine.
- Pray over situations you see while driving.
- Pray over your family meals.
- Pray during family devotions.
- Pray before you go to bed.
- Pray for your spouse

c. Make Church Involvement a priority

“We should keep on encouraging each other to be thoughtful and to do helpful things. Some people have gotten out of the habit of meeting for worship, but we must not do that. We should keep on encouraging each other, especially since you know that the day of the Lord’s coming is getting closer.”

(Hebrews 10:24-25, CEV)

- i. We all need community.
- ii. Helps us build spiritual disciplines.
- iii. Helps answers their questions about God.

“Everything in the Scriptures is God’s Word. All of it is useful for teaching and helping people and for correcting them and showing them how to live.”

(2 Timothy 3:16, CEV)

d. Be Mission Minded.

“The Lord has given us this command, “I have placed you here as a light for the Gentiles. You are to take the saving power of God to people everywhere on earth.” (Acts 13:47, CEV)