PARENTING: TREE OF LIFE KIDS

"Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit.” Matthew 12:33

“Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat, for he grants sleep to those he loves. Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from him.” Psalm 127:1-3

Goals:
1. God’s Word as our families’ blueprints
2. God transforming us as parents
3. God transforming our children

Go Over LW’s Parenting Rule & Scripture Reference Point
When family members practice healthy communication, everyone can relate

Go Over LW’s Homework:
Decide on the three most important life skills you need to pass on

PRAY

November 13: Teaching Life Skills

PARENTING RULE:
When parents teach their children; their children are prepared

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE POINT: Proverbs 22:6
Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

LESSON: Teaching Life Skills

VIDEO: MOM'S LITTLE HELPER
**Question for the Day:**
How prepared will your child be for Satan’s attacks/life’s-challenges?

Let’s begin in Proverbs 22:6

*Train a child in the way he should go,*
*and when he is old he will not turn from it.*

*chanoch lannaar al pi darco,*
"Initiate the child at the opening (the mouth) of his path."

Traditional Interpretation:
“train up” . . . training techniques
“the way he should go”- a child’s bent
“will not depart from it”- never rebel, defect

**Hebrew Word Study:**
*chanoak*- dedicate; inaugurate, initiate, begin, start off
*na’ar*- boy; lad; youth
*pi*- mouth, opening, entrance
*darco*- road, way, path, journey, course
*zagen*- to show age, grow old, aged
*cuwr*- depart, turn aside, be deprived of, to come to an end

**Conclusions:**
1. Parents responsibility to initiate, begin, start off
2. There is a particular path/direction
3. Maturity/age aid in the process of not turning from the path

**Reality #1: Training takes:**
1. Intentionality, dedication
2. Instruction
Reality #2: Training produces:
   1. Direction
   2. Maturity

Reality #3: Satan hates training and maturity

**LEVELS OF CHANGE:**
ENVIRONMENT
BEHAVIOR
CAPABILITIES
IDENTITY
BELIEFS: I think I know I live out
SPIRITUALITY

**STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT:**
DEPENDENCE
INTERDEPENDENCE
INDEPENDENCE

So, returning to the context of our question about life-skills, what are some life-skills or lessons Satan does not want your child to learn.

We would list things relationships; money; purity; acceptance & self-esteem; satisfaction
TOP 11 THINGS OUR KIDS NEED TO KNOW

1. God is your creator and savior
   “You are important and loved, but not the center of the universe”

2. God loves you unconditionally
   “You will always be loved, even when you & others think you shouldn’t”

3. God gives you the ability to feel, think, and obey
   “You are unique & special, but there are no exceptions to God’s rules”

4. God will never, ever let you down
   “You might fail yourself and others might too but God can’t”

5. God has a special plan just for you
   “Inspire to do great things. He gifted you so you can glorify Him.”

6. God is the only judge. Be thankful
   “Be careful in judging yourself. Be more careful in judging others.”

7. God’s values and the world’s values are two different things
   “Treasure what God treasures, for joy and satisfaction.”

8. God desires and deserves to be worshipped
   “Fall in love with God. With all your heart, head and hands”

9. God has all the answers. So, when in doubt pray
   “Life is complicated and tricky . . . talk often to the Author of Life”

10. Satan wants to destroy you
    “Walk closely with God, your safety is assured”

11. Sin really, really hurts!
    “Chose carefully and receive blessings; not pain for yourself & others”
PRAY

NEXT WEEK HIGHLIGHTS: Teaching Life Skills

VIDEO:

SPORTS SUNDAY: CHILDREN’S MINISTRY
GAP KIDS

HOMEWORK for 11/13
    Pray daily for your child’s spiritual development