

Conversations make a difference!

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**Let's talk about the role of
parents in the home.**

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Role of Parents

Parenting is an assignment of providence.

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**Behold, children are a heritage from the
LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.
—Psalm 127:3 ESV**

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Role of Parents

**Parenting isn't a profession,
it is a practice.**

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Role of Parents

**Parenting can't be pawned on the church,
but the church can partner with parents.**

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⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. —Deuteronomy 6:4-7 ESV

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Role of Parents

Parents cannot pay for private education and think it will replace the church in your life and family.

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¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”

Let’s talk about the souls of kids in the home.

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⁵“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.”

—Matthew 18:1-6 ESV

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¹³Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, ¹⁴but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” —Matthew 19:13-14 ESV

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Souls of Kids

When are children ready?

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Children are different in temperament.

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**When the boys grew up,
Esau was a skillful hunter,
a man of the field,
while Jacob was a quiet man,
dwelling in tents.**

—Genesis 25:27 ESV

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When are children ready?

Children are different in development.

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When are children ready?

**Children are different in interests
and involvement.**

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**¹Remember also your Creator in the
days of your youth, before the evil
days come and the years draw near
of which you will say, “I have no
pleasure in them;” ²before the sun
and the light and the moon and the
stars are darkened and the clouds
return after the rain...**

—Ecclesiastes 12:1-2 ESV

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What should I say?

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²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

—1 Corinthians 1:20-21 ESV

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Four things everyone must understand to be saved . . .

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Four things...

1. Fault

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...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... —Romans 3:23 ESV

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Four things...

2. Forgiveness

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Virtue

Forgiveness: “Deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn’t have to pay.”

...forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. —Colossians 3:13b ESV

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“The Gospel is the news that Jesus Christ, the Righteous One, died for our sins and rose again, eternally triumphant over all His enemies, so that there is now no condemnation for those who believe, but only everlasting joy.” —John Piper

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... but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
—Romans 5:8 ESV

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Four things...

3. Faith

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⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. —Ephesians 2:8-9 ESV

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“... the Gospel is like fuel in the furnace of worship. The more you understand about it, believe it and rely on it, the more you adore God both for who He is and what He has done for us in Christ.”

—Greg Gilbert

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Four things...

4. Forever

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³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. —1 Peter 1:3-5 ESV

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