

Agenda

12:30 to 12:45 – Opening prayer and lunch

12:45 to 1:15 – Godly *parenting*

- Three principles:
 - *Parenting* is your ministry
 - If children fail to receive Jesus, it would be *better* they were never born
 - Christianity is *caught* more readily than taught
 - Tools for Godly *Parenting*
 - 7 areas to *pray* and *fast* over for your children

1:15 to 1:45 – **SGT Gian Mettifogo**, MBPD

- *Protecting your children from Sex Trafficking* – A Training Tool for Parents

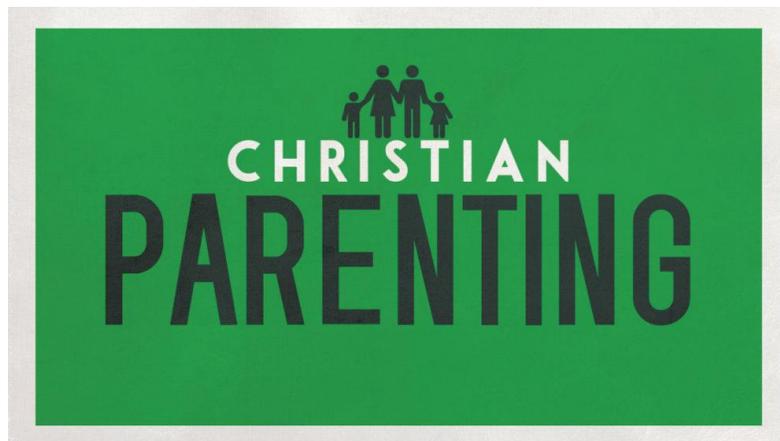
1:45 to 1:55 – Questions and Answers

1:55 to 2:00 – Closing prayer



Parenting is your ministry

- The single most important component of **parenting** is imparting Jesus to your children
 - Deuteronomy 6:6-9, And, these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.
 - This command has to cultivated heart for godly **parenting**
 - This command has to be the passion of your **parenting**
 - **Parenting** needs to take precedence over all other ministry opportunities
- Godly **Parenting** produces God glorifying, Kingdom worshippers for life
 - Proverbs 22:6, Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.
 - Godly **parenting** is daily commitment to ensure Jesus is real and worthy of following
 - God's ordinary way of shaping children into radically committed, risk-taking, countercultural, wise, thinking, loving, mature, world Christians is through parents who teach and model a God-centered, Bible-saturated worldview to their children. (Desiring God Ministries)



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- Consider the ramifications if your child grows up and doesn't receive Christ:
 - John 3:36, He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.
 - Romans 6:23, For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
 - 1 John 5:12, He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.
- Dr. Earl Grant – Haggard School of Theology, 1993
 - "I sought to save the world only to lose my children..."



Christianity is *caught* more readily than taught

- **Be a great role model**
 - **1 Corinthians 11:1**, Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.
- **Be intentional in promoting Jesus**
 - **2 Timothy 4:2**, Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.
- **Be unified as a couple**

Psalm 133, Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments. It is like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing—Life forevermore.
- **Be humble, authentic and vulnerable**
 - **1 Peter 5:6**, Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.
 - **Henry Nouwen, “I’m a growing Christian too...”**
- **Be an equipper and provide ministry opportunities for children**
 - **Ephesians 4:12**, For the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.
- **Biblical examples**
 - **Hannah, 1 Samuel 1-2**
 - **Committed to prayer, fasting and**
 - **Phillip, Acts 21:9**
 - **Lived Jesus at home resulting in 4 daughters actively involved in ministry**
- **Thoughts**
 - **Story time – be creative**
 - **Family altar – do church at home and empower your children to preach**
 - **Discipleship, accountability and meditation**

Tools for godly *parenting*

- <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/>



- <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting>

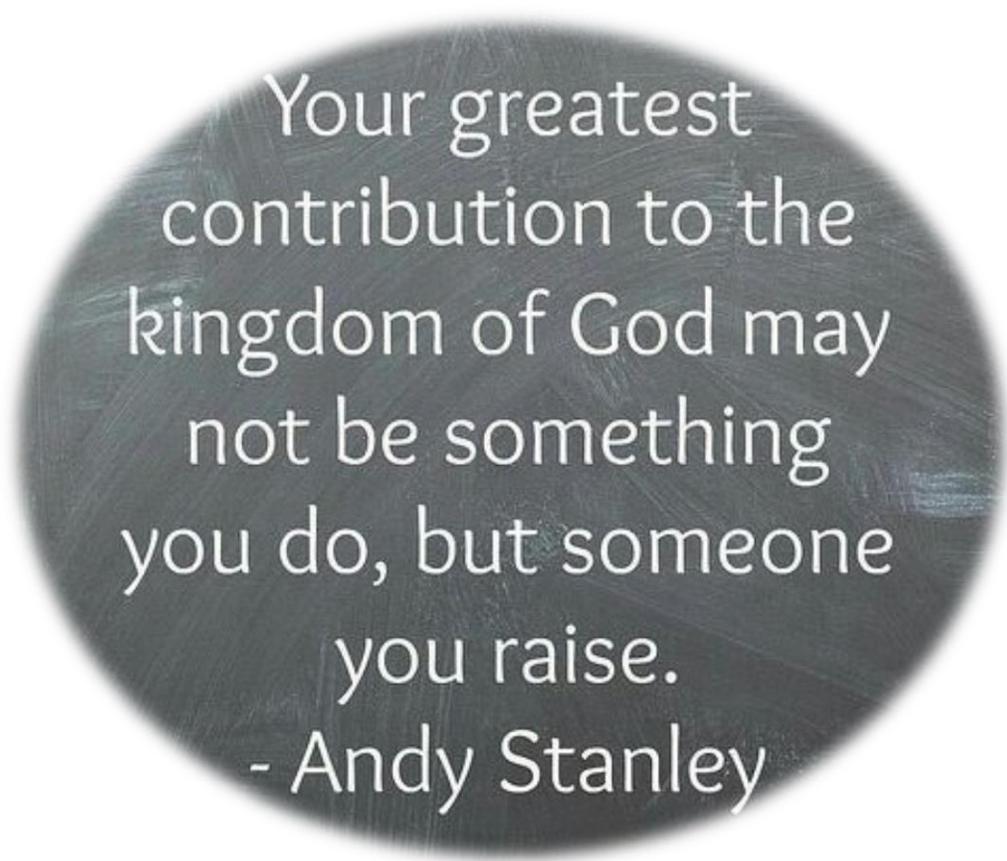


- <https://www.desiringgod.org/topics/parenting>



10 things to *pray* and *fast* over for your children

- That Jesus will save them
- That Jesus will protect them
- That Jesus will guide them
- That Jesus will make them holy
- That Jesus will become their treasure
- That Jesus will teach them to forgive
- That Jesus will teach them to love
- That Jesus will preserve them
- That Jesus would give them a hunger for His Word
- That Jesus would make them great Kingdom Citizens



Your greatest
contribution to the
kingdom of God may
not be something
you do, but someone
you raise.

- Andy Stanley