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THE ROLE OF A PARENT

Parents, please read and complete the study then bring it with you to your Family Counseling appointment. This study will encourage, as well as challenge you in your parenting. As you read the study on what God directs you to do as a parent, don't self condemn yourself. Thank the Lord that He has revealed truth to you, ask for forgiveness and begin to be obedient in what He directs.

It is the duty of a parent to talk about God when they sit, walk, go to bed, and when they wake up.

(Deuteronomy 6:6-7 NLT) " And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away on a journey, when you are lying down and when you are getting up again."

What can you do as a parent on a daily basis to fulfill this God given duty?

What can you do on a weekly basis as a parent to spiritually invest in our family?

Parents are commanded to teach the Bible to their children.

(Deuteronomy 6:7 NKJV) "You shall teach them diligently to your children..."

What can you do on a daily basis to be teaching the Word?

What can you do on a weekly basis to teach the Word?

Jesus said we are to take our children to church so they will learn about Christ.

(Matthew 19:14 NLT) But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these."

Think about how often you go to church, would your kids say it's a priority?

As a parent, how can you fulfill this verse and become united as a family?

Parents are commanded to not use profanity.

(Deuteronomy 5:11 NLT) "'Do not misuse the name of the LORD your God. The LORD will not let you go unpunished if you misuse his name.

(James 3:10 NLT) And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right!

(Ephesians 4:29 NLT) Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

Think about the words you use that need to be removed from our vocabulary. Ask the Lord to forgive you, and help you speak honorably, and respectful to your kids as an example.

Parents are commanded to never commit adultery.

(Deuteronomy 5:18 NKJV) 'You shall not commit adultery.

Parent, what safety measures have you or can you established to protect your marriage?

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Parents need to prepare ahead for their child's welfare and upkeep

(2 Corinthians 12:14 NASB) for children are not responsible to save up for their parents, but parents for their children.

Pray and ask the Lord to show you if there is any neglect on your part as a parent in meeting the needs of your kids. If the Lord shows you, act in obedience to resolve and fulfill your role.

What needs do you for see in the future for your kids and how can you prepare now to meet those needs?

God commands parents to discipline in love.

(Proverbs 13:24 NLT) If you refuse to discipline your children, it proves you don't love them; if you love your children, you will be prompt to discipline them.

How do you discipline? Does it work? Explain.

As a parent are you consistent in carrying the discipline out?

Parents are to teach their children, without getting angry and making them angry.

(Colossians 3:21 NLT) Fathers, don't aggravate your children. If you do, they will become discouraged and quit trying. (Colossians 3:21 NKJV) Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

The Bible says to get ride of anger. (Proverbs 29:22 NLT) A hot-tempered person starts fights and gets into all kinds of sin.(Proverbs 29:22 NKJV) An angry man stirs up strife, And a furious man abounds in transgression.

How can you set a Godly example for your kids in times of friction and conflict?

Do you need to ask forgiveness for being a poor example?

The punishment for not investing in your kids and bringing them up in the Lord's way is that they will bring you grief.

(Proverbs 17:25 NLT) A foolish child brings grief to a father and bitterness to a mother.

Are your kids bringing you grief? Is so, examine the root of it with God's Word and take time to invest and instruct your kids.

A TIME FOR CHANGE

Now that you've done the study and the Lord has lovingly revealed areas that need to change, what can you do? The following are actions steps you can follow that will lead to change in your family.

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(Deuteronomy 6:6-7 NLT) **Action Step** - Pick up the "Virtue Guide" in the main Sanctuary Lobby. It will help your family learn and live out different virtues, give positive and negative examples, discussion questions and more.

Visit the Family Ministry web site pages for parenting tools and direction.

<http://www.calvaryftl.org/Ministries/Family/index.cfm>

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Action Step- Purchase a Scripture Reference Guide from the book store. It will help you rightly divide God's Holy Word. It will help you counsel yourself and your family on every day life issues. "One Minute Bible For Starters" found in New Believers area of the book store is a great tool for families with youth. This is a devotion you can read together as a family and use as a spring board for discussion.

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(Matthew 19:14 NLT) **Action Step-** Commit to a church service and mark your calendar. Regardless of how you feel, what events arise, go, go, go to church. For accountability and encouragement share your desire with Christian friends and have them sit with you at service. Purchase a service Note book to help you actively participate in the services. Take notes and share with your family what the Lord revealed to you. It's another great tool to spring board into spiritual discussions.

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(Deuteronomy 5:11 NLT) **Action Steps** - Pray daily for self control. Write an apology letter to your family, Memorize scripture on speech. Do an in-depth study on the topic. E-mail the Family Ministry for a study to complete.

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(Deuteronomy 5:18 NKJV) **Action Steps** - Develop Biblical boundaries in your marriage, safe guard your computer, attend married couples monthly fellowship, have a weekly date night, pray together daily, exercise and keep the body God has given you at it's best, do a Biblical study on marriage. E-mail the Family Ministry for a study to complete.

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(2 Corinthians 12:14 NASB) **Action Steps-** Take time to pray and list future needs your child will have. Meet with a financial counselor from the church. Visit Crown Financial ministry web site and read articles pertaining to the needs you have. <http://www.crown.org>

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(Proverbs 13:24 NLT) **Action steps** - As parents, make a united plan for your home. Make a list of Family Guidelines for your family to follow. Make sure to add Biblical references, so your family understands you have developed them from God's Holy Word. Make sure to add what the consequences if the guidelines are broken. Establish a "Family Night" visit the Family Ministry web pages for explanation and ideas. Purchase the book "Creative Correction" By Lisa Whelchel.

Parents are to teach their children, without getting angry and making them angry.

(Colossians 3:21 NLT) **Action Steps-** Pray for self control, memorize the word, and complete studies on anger. Visit the Resource Ministry at the church and check out messages on Anger and self control. / Get the book, The 10 Best Decisions Every Parent Can Make By Bill and Pam Farrel it will help bring order and direction. E-mail the Family Ministry for a study to complete.

The punishment for not investing in your kids and bringing them up in the Lord's way is that they will bring you grief.

(Proverbs 17:25 NLT) **Action steps-** Pray and ask Jesus for parenting direction, take a parenting class, attend single parent monthly study, set intentional time out on calendar to teach and train your children, be consistent in the family guidelines and consequences established, invest more one on more time and pray with your children over areas of concern, grief and conflict. E-mail the Family Ministry for a study to complete.