

Parenting 101

A WORD OF CAUTION

- (1) Godly parenting **DOESN'T GUARANTEE** godly kids
Proverbs 22:6 Genesis 1-3 Ezekiel 18:1-20
- (2) Ignoring the **FACTS** doesn't **CHANGE THE FACTS**
Proverbs 20:11 Luke 6:43-45
- (3) A **FAST START** is no guarantee of a **HAPPY ENDING**
1 Corinthians 10:1-12

FAMILY VALUES: God's Game Plan

Ephesians 6:1-4

Children Obey:

The Rule of the **ROOF**

Ephesians 6:1 & Colossians 3:20 2 Timothy 3:1-5

Sons & Daughters Honor:

We owe our parents **RESPECT** and **SUPPORT**

Ephesians 6:2-3 & Exodus 20:12 Proverbs 30:17 & Leviticus 20:9 Genesis 2:23-24
1 Timothy 5:3-4,8 Matthew 15:3-9

Parents: Don't Exasperate But Bring Them Up In The Lord

Passing the **SPIRITUAL TORCH** is our #1 responsibility

Ephesians 6:4 & Colossians 3:21 Matthew 15:26 Proverbs 22:15 1 Samuel 3:11-18

Growth Group Homework

For the week of May 31, 2015

This is our final week of the Spring Quarter. Along with an abbreviated study, you will take some time to reflect on your group experience and then have Communion together. You will also fill out Feedback Forms about your group experience and your plans for the fall. Growth Groups will take a summer break and resume the week of September 20. Thanks for being part of your Growth Group and have a great summer!

If you'd like to continue in a summer study, we plan to offer several classes over the summer. You can find a list of these classes on the back of this homework. Visit northcoastchurch.com/classes to see the most up-to-date schedule and to register.

MY STORY

1. Summer is just around the corner! Do you have any special plans, activities or prayer requests for the next few months?

2. Looking back at this weekend's teaching on "*Parenting 101*", was there a particular point, comment, or verse that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. It is no secret that we tend to get what we model. Here are some verses that speak of values we'd all like to find in our kids, others or even the next generation – but need to first be modeled on a consistent basis in our own lives. List out the values you find in the passages below in your own words.

Psalm 119:15-16

¹⁵ I meditate on your precepts
and consider your ways.

¹⁶ I delight in your decrees;
I will not neglect your word. [NIV]

Romans 12:12

¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. [NIV]

Romans 12:14 17 & 21

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. [NIV]

Colossians 3:13

¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. [NIV]

So how are you doing with these? Any areas need particular work?

2. We've all experienced the power and impact of words for good and bad. What do the following verses teach us about the power of our words in the context of parenting and/or influencing those around us?

James 3:3-5

³ When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴ Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. ⁵ Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. [NIV]

Proverbs 15:23

²³ A person finds joy in giving an apt reply—
and how good is a timely word! [NIV]

Proverbs 15:30

³⁰ Light in a messenger's eyes brings joy to the heart,
and good news gives health to the bones. [NIV]

Proverbs 3:27

²⁷ Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,
when it is in your power to act. [NIV]

What grade would you give yourself based on what you wrote about each verse?

REMEMBERING HOW GOD WORKED

Looking back at this past year, how has your Growth Group experience encouraged, challenged or helped you in your walk with Jesus and in connecting with other people?

Whether a person is a parent or not, we would all like to be able to live out love, grace, discipline and forgiveness to impact others. Jesus is our ultimate example of these character qualities in action. An important way to remember God's grace and forgiveness is through celebrating Communion. Communion reminds us of all that Jesus accomplished through his death on the cross and his resurrection. It is through this sacrifice that Jesus' grace and mercy are made available to us.

This week, your Growth Group will conclude by doing as the disciples did and taking Communion together. To prepare for this, read the following verses and reflect on Jesus' commitment and work in your life as you follow him.

1 Peter 2:22-25

²² "He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." ²⁵ For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. [NIV]

Romans 5:7-11

⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death

of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. [NIV]

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. [NIV]

North Coast Summer Classes



We will be offering classes ranging from marriage and parenting to finances to enhancing your spiritual walk. Check out our currently scheduled classes below. We'll be adding more classes over the summer, so visit northcoastchurch.com/classes to see the most up-to-date class offerings and to register.

- **Financial Peace University**

Mondays, June 15-August 10, San Marcos/Escondido Campus

Learn how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and gain financial control.

- **His Needs/Her Needs** with *Elise Hartman*

Mondays, July 13, 20, & 27, Vista Campus

Strengthen your marriage by identifying each other's most important needs and learn effective ways to meet those needs.

- **On-Purpose Parenting - The Early Years** with *Dave Enns*

Date TBD, Vista Campus

This workshop will offer you a practical framework of parenting techniques to provide love and discipline that will work for children ages 2-12.

- **Who Am I? Understanding Yourself and Others Through Myers-Briggs Personality Assessment** with *Ned Mervich*

Mondays, June 22 & 29, Vista Campus

The Myers-Briggs model of personality gives insight into the similarities and differences we each have and can help you better understand how God created you and others.

- **Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts** with *Gary VanDerford*

Mondays, July 13 & 20, Vista Campus

Every Christian has been given spiritual gifts and this class will help you identify them and find meaningful ministry here at church and in our community.

- **Leadership: Plain & Simple** with *Ned Mervich*

Mondays, July 27 & August 3, Vista Campus

There's an overwhelming amount of information about leadership. We'll boil it all down, look at how to make sense of it, and learn how to lead effectively.

More classes to come! For complete information and to register for any of these classes, go to northcoastchurch.com/classes



REAL MAN WEEKEND – "The Oakbridge Experience" - Oct. 9-11

We've got another epic weekend planned that will get you recharged and refreshed as a man following God. The weekend will also include plenty of man event options like paintball, mountain biking, sports, hiking, golf, sleeping and eating, etc.

More info coming soon!