

Biblical Parenting Conference

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Conference Schedule

Friday, May 5

7:00pm **Welcome & Worship**

7:45pm SESSION 1: **God Is Our Hope**

Saturday, May 6

8:30am **Worship**

9:00am SESSION 2: **Creating A Life They Want**

10:00am ... SESSION 3: **Dad & Mom Breakout**

11:00am ... SESSION 4: **Love & Discipline**

11:45am ... **Lunch**

12:45pm ... SESSION 5: **Q&A**

1:45pm SESSION 6: **Training with Loving Authority**

Conference Speakers

Pastor Steve & Kathleen Nelson

Steve and his wife Kathleen have two major passions in life: serving God, and raising kids!

They have 8 children! They have written several books including a book called Premeditated Parenting,

which speaks to all of their triumphs and failures in raising small children. It was written with a mind to give hope to those parents who are in the midst of the battle. Steve also has a website by the same name which contains many helpful articles about raising kids.

Steve & Kathleen, along with their 8 children, moved to El Paso, Texas from Greeley, Colorado to start & lead The Rio Church.



SESSION 1: God Is Our Hope

Friday 7:45pm – 8:45pm

Why are we here?

- We are here because we _____ our kids.
- Because we love our kids we want to _____ them to _____.
- Because we love our kids we want to _____ in our _____.

Sons are a heritage from the LORD, children a reward from him.

⁴Like arrows in the hands of a warrior
are sons born in one's youth.

⁵Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.
They will not be put to shame
when they contend with their enemies in the gate.

Psalms 127:3-5 NIV84

Children are a prize to be _____ or _____.

Turn your reward into a _____.

Following God is our hope.

Example of Jehoshaphat (2 Chronicles 20)

Example of Jeremiah and the Remnant (Jeremiah 42-43)

We must believe that...

1) God will be _____.

Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

1 Corinthians 4:2 NIV84

be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. Matthew 10:42 [Jesus said,] "And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

Matthew 6:1 NIV

We must believe that...

2) Our kids will be _____.

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

Proverbs 22:6 NIV84

- Face value: Your _____ their outcome.
- Context: It may be a _____
- Purpose:
 - A: God wants to _____ you.
 - B: God wants to give you _____

[An overseer] must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?)

1 Timothy 3:4-5 NIV84

A deacon must be the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well.

1 Timothy 3:12 NIV84

An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient.

Titus 1:6 NIV84

We must believe that...

3) The _____ will be _____.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20 NIV84

These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, ²so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life.

Deuteronomy 6:1-2 NIV84

Kids are your _____ and _____ disciples.

God is our _____!

Psalm 3:1-8

SESSION 2: **Creating A Life They Want**

Saturday 9:00am – 9:45am

These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. ⁷Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

If you don't create a life they _____,
they will create a life for _____.

Create an _____ of _____.

Be a great _____.

Command and teach these things. ¹²Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

1 Timothy 4:11-12 NIV

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. ⁸For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:5-8 NIV

Cultivate _____ for a _____ home life.

No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Hebrews 12:11 NIV

_____ does not cultivate peace.

It postpones the _____.

_____ brings peace.

_____ bring peace.

_____ brings peace.

_____ **with your kids.**

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Colossians 3:12-14 NIV

Make _____ relationships a top _____

“The second [most important commandment] is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

Mark 12:31

_____ **back the _____ of the world.**

_____ (TV, movies, music, video games,
social media)

_____ Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.”

1 Corinthians 15:33 NIV

Equip them to be _____.

Impress _____ on their hearts.

These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. ⁷Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV

Have family _____ times.

Systematically _____.

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Psalms 119:11

Use _____ in your family _____

4:29 Speech

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

Ephesians 4:29 NIV

“I forgive you as the Lord forgave me.”

Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Colossians 3:13 NIV

Do to others song

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 7:12 NIV

1 Thessalonians 4 – Make it your ambition...

Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you,

1 Thessalonians 4:11 NIV

Rule sheet on fridge

See Appendix 1: House Rules on page 26.

“I’m frustrated with you for a moment...”

For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime;

Psalms 30:5 NIV

Develop _____ through _____.

Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Romans 5:3-4

Create a _____ rigorous and _____ schedule.

Equip them with _____

Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, ⁸because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.

Ephesians 6:7-8 NIV

Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings; he will not serve before obscure men.

Proverbs 22:29 NIV

SESSION 3: Rocking The Dad Role

Saturday 10:00am – 10:45am

Dads make a _____.

The children of _____ homes account for...

- 63% of youth suicides
- 70% of kids in state institutions
- 71% of high school dropouts
- 75% of teens in chemical abuse centers
- 80% of rapists
- 85% of behavioral disorders
- 85% of youth in prisons
- 90% of runaways

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Kids look to dads for _____.

Church attendance of parents as a predictor of children's future attendance:

Parents		Kids	Kids	Kids
<u>Father</u>	<u>Mother</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Irregular</u>	<u>None</u>
None	Regular	2%	37%	60%
Irregular	Regular	3%	59%	38%
Irregular	None	25%	23%	
Regular	Regular	33%	41%	25%
Regular	Irregular	38%	25%	
Regular	None	45%		

<http://www.fisheaters.com/menandchurch.html>

Dads form a child's _____ understanding
of _____.

**Parenting is not just for _____ . God has made you
the _____ of the _____ and holds
you _____**

Now I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ,
and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.
1 Corinthians 11:3 NIV

“For I [, God,] told [Eli] that I would judge his family forever
because of the sin he knew about; his sons made themselves
contemptible, and he failed to restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore, I swore
to the house of Eli, ‘The guilt of Eli’s house will never be atoned
for by sacrifice or offering.’”

1 Samuel 3:13-14 NIV

**Men want to be _____ to something _____
This is something _____ that you are already _____ to.
and be the family _____ .**

[An overseer] must manage his own family well and see that his
children obey him with proper respect. ⁵(If anyone does not know
how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God’s
church?)

1 Timothy 3:4-5 NIV84

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up
in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4 NIV84

Practical ways to lead out:

**_____ your life such that you are _____ a
_____ .**

Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and
you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

John 16:24 NIV

Help your _____ be at _____ as much as _____.

Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. ⁴Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, ⁵to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.

Titus 2:3-5 NIV

Prayerfully _____.

Set the pace in _____.

Set the pace in _____.

Set the pace in _____.

Set the pace in _____.

SESSION 3: The Sacred Calling Of A Mother: Perspective Matters

Saturday 10:00am – 10:45am

#1. Perspective matters: **How you view your relationship with your _____ matters.**

Our relationship with our husbands *deeply impacts* our motherhood.

What is God's picture of a Christian marriage?

then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and in purpose.

Philippians 2:2

Ask yourself:

#2. Perspective matters: **How you view _____ as a mother matters.**

Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?"

Luke 9:23-25

Ask yourself:

**#3. Perspective matters: How you view what motherhood
_____ matters.**

Not a _____

Not a _____

Not just a _____

Motherhood is the _____ of a life.

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord : "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message." So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?" declares the Lord . "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

Jeremiah 18:1-6

Ask yourself:

**#4. Perspective matters: How you view your relationship with
_____ matters.**

Your own heart first

"Son of man, let all my words sink deep into your own heart first. Listen to them carefully for yourself. Then go to your people...

Ezekiel 3:10-11 NLT

Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress.

1 Timothy 4:15 NIV

Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

1 Timothy 4:16 NIV

Ask yourself:

#5. Perspective matters: **'How you view your**
_____ **as a mother matters.**

Pass it on

She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

Proverbs 31:26 NIV

Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching.

Proverbs 1:8 NIV

...The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Ask yourself:

Questions to pray about:

- How do you think your relationship with your husband impacts your mothering?
- How do you feel about your life being poured out as a mother?
- What is one thing that you want to trust God to change in your perspective about mothering, or wifehood?

SESSION 4: Love & Discipline

Saturday 11:00am – 11:45am

_____ is the key, not _____.

We must communicate _____, _____, and _____ in our children.

And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

Matthew 3:17 NIV

Loving parents discipline their kids because it

_____ the _____.

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.

Proverbs 13:24 NLT

Loving parents discipline their kids because it brings

_____, _____, and _____ to the home.

Correct your children while there is still hope; do not let them destroy themselves.

Proverbs 19:18 NCV

Discipline your son, and he will give you peace; he will bring delight to your soul.

Proverbs 29:17 NIV

No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Hebrews 12:11 NIV

Our heavenly Father _____

My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline and do not resent his rebuke, ¹²because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.

Proverbs 3:11-12 NIV

And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, ⁶because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son." ⁷Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? ⁸If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. ⁹Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! ¹⁰Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness.

Hebrews 12:5-11

Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent.

Revelation 3:19 NIV

Love paves the way for the _____ of _____.

Loving discipline exchanges a _____ amount of pain _____, for an _____ amount of pain _____.

Stern discipline awaits him who leaves the path; he who hates correction will die.

Proverbs 15:10 NIV

We need to _____ and _____ good behavior and _____ and _____ bad behavior.

3 keys to successful discipline

1) _____

2) _____

When the sentence for a crime is not quickly carried out, the hearts of the people are filled with schemes to do wrong.

Ecclesiastes 8:11

3) _____

No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful.

Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Hebrews 12:11

Kids will always bump up against the _____. But if you discipline effectively, their behaviors will _____ to the boundaries you have set.

The clearest discipline method the Bible talks about with our children is _____.

He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him.

Proverbs 13:24

Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him.

Proverbs 22:15

Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you punish him with the rod, he will not die. ¹⁴Punish him with the rod and save his soul from death.

Proverbs 23:13-14

The rod of correction imparts wisdom, but a child left to himself disgraces his mother.

Proverbs 29:15

_____ works because _____ tells us to _____.

What are the benefits of _____?

- **Spanking is** _____.

He who spares the rod hates his son,
but he who loves him is careful to discipline him.

Proverbs 13:24 NIV

- **Spanking is** _____.

Do not withhold discipline from a child;
if you punish him with the rod, he will not die.

¹⁴Punish him with the rod and save his soul from death.

Proverbs 23:13-14 NIV

- **Spanking is** _____.

- **Spanking drives out** _____.

Folly is bound up in the heart of a child,
but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him.

Proverbs 22:15

- **Spanking _____ their _____ from death**

Do not withhold discipline from a child;
if you punish him with the rod, he will not die.
¹⁴Punish him with the rod and save his soul from death.

Proverbs 23:13-14

- **Spanking imparts _____.**

The rod of correction imparts wisdom,
but a child left to himself disgraces his mother.

Proverbs 29:15

- **Spanking keeps you from being _____ by the _____ of your children**

The rod of correction imparts wisdom,
but a child left to himself disgraces his mother.

Proverbs 29:15

- **Spanking changes the _____.**

Physical punishment cleanses away evil;
such discipline purifies the heart.

Proverbs 20:30 NLT

**Do not withhold _____ or use them as
a _____.**

Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you punish him with the rod, he will not die. ¹⁴Punish him with the rod and save his soul from death.

Proverbs 23:13-14

He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful [diligent, or prompt] to discipline him.

Proverbs 13:24 NIV [NAS, NKJ]

He who spares his rod [of discipline] hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines diligently and punishes him early.

Proverbs 13:24 AMP

How do you _____?

- _____
- _____ the offense.
- _____ discipline.
- Use a “_____.”
- Test _____ with simple _____.
- _____ as necessary.
- Once discipline is _____, it is _____.

The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient for him. ⁷Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.

2 Corinthians 2:6-7 NIV

For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

Psalms 30:5 NIV

Some discretionary thoughts:

- Baby phase:
- Age:
- Swats:
- Instrument:

SESSION 5: Q&A
Saturday 12:45pm – 1:30pm

SESSION 6: Training With Loving Authority

Saturday 1:45pm – 2:30pm

Determine to win the _____ for _____.

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

Proverbs 22:6

*** They are called to _____.**

You are called to _____ them to that which they are called.

Don't be afraid to be the _____ in your kids' lives.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right...

Ephesians 6:1-3 NIV

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

Colossians 3:20 NIV

Why do we struggle with being the authority?

We don't think we have the _____.

We don't want to be _____ parent. We want to be _____.

We think that if we _____ them they won't know that we _____ them.

We are afraid of _____ them up.

The rod of correction imparts wisdom,
but a child left to himself disgraces his mother.

Proverbs 29:15

Establish an _____ of _____.

[You] train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6

*** If you don't train them to _____, they
_____.**

Always expect _____.

No _____

No _____

No _____

No _____

No _____

No _____

Always _____ disobedience.

When the sentence for a crime is not quickly carried out, the hearts of the people are filled with schemes to do wrong.

Ecclesiastes 8:11 NIV

Never _____ away from giving _____.

Set and hold standards that _____ your kids
on a _____.

[You] train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he
will not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6

* Train them to act _____ or they will act like
_____ kids.

You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling
among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere
men?

1 Corinthians 3:3 NIV

Set standards that _____ follow.

Set standards that help you establish _____ and teach
_____.

Set standards that teach them to show _____.

Set standards that teach them how to
_____.

Set standards that bring _____ and
_____.

Set standards that are _____ than those of everyone
you.

APPENDIX 1: House Rules

- 1. Always live in a way that honors God.**
Mark 12:30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'
- 2. Treat others as you would want to be treated.**
Matthew 7:12 Do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.
- 3. Share with others.**
Hebrews 13:16 And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.
- 4. Only tell the truth.**
Leviticus 19:11b "Do not lie.' 'Do not deceive one another."
- 5. Don't take what belongs to someone else.**
Leviticus 19:11a "Do not steal."
- 6. Be thankful for what you have, and what you're given.**
Philippians 4:11b I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.
- 7. Be kind to others.**
Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another.
- 8. Treat your siblings with great kindness. They are your closest "neighbors."**
Mark 12:31a The second [most important command] is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'
- 9. Obey your parents.**
Colossians 3:20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.
- 10. Treat your parents with respect.**
Ephesians 6:2a "Honor your father and mother."
- 11. Obey teachers, coaches, and other trusted adults.**
1 Peter 2:13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men.
- 12. Always speak cheerfully.**
Philippians 2:14 Do everything without complaining or arguing.
- 13. Do not speak with harsh words or a harsh tone.**
Ephesians 4:29a Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths.

- 14. When you are given a job to do, work hard.**
Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord...
- 15. Control your anger and frustration.**
James 1:19b Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.
- 16. Do not take revenge when you've been wronged. Get help from a parent.**
Romans 12:19 Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.
- 17. Don't talk back.**
Proverbs 18:13 He who answers before listening—that is his folly and his shame.
- 18. Have a happy heart.**
Proverbs 15:30a A cheerful look brings joy to the heart.
- 19. Forgive others.**
Colossians 3:13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.
- 20. Accept discipline with a good heart.**
Proverbs 13:1 A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a mocker does not listen to rebuke.

APPENDIX 2: **Basic Behavioral Standards**

Speech

- Don't talk back.
- Don't cuss.
- Don't use harsh words or euphemisms that take from God's glory (OMG, gees, holy guacamole etc.)
- Speak kindly.
- No yelling or screaming in the house.
- No uncontrolled yelling outside (out of respect for the neighbors)
- Don't call people names.
- Use people's preferred names.
- Use miss, missus, and mister with adults.
- Don't lie.
- Don't deceive.
- Answer politely when spoken to.
- Don't comment negatively about or to people.
- Don't tease and make fun of others.
- No squabbling.
- Do not complain.
- Do not argue.

Behavior

- Obey quickly, completely, and cheerfully.
- Obey the first time.
- Don't roll your eyes
- Don't run in the house.
- Don't throw things at others.
- Don't hit, kick, pinch, slap, or scratch.
- Don't take away from others.
- Don't burp loudly or impolitely.
- Don't interrupt.
- If you're not sure if something is a good idea, don't do it without asking permission.
- When your parents are not home, don't do anything you think they would disapprove of.
- Have a cheerful countenance.
- Listen patiently.
- Knock before entering.

- If the bathroom door is shut and the light is on, wait patiently. Don't knock or start a conversation.
- No stealing (including candy and treats).
- Obey all authority unless the authority is asking you to do something inappropriate. This includes older siblings when appropriate.
- Children should say "Please" and "Thank you."
- Answer the phone with "Hello, this is the Smiths. Would you like to speak to my mom or my dad?"
- Introduce yourself when phoning others.
- No running or yelling at church, even after the service.
- Keep their room reasonably picked up.
- Help with household chores.
- Ask to be excused from the table. Otherwise stay in your seat.
- Replace the used roll of toilet paper.
- Take your plate to the sink and rinse it.
- Get up when your alarm goes off or someone wakes you up.
- Cover your mouth when you sneeze.
- Don't touch the curtains.
- Don't talk with food in your mouth.
- Hold doors open for others.
- If you open something, shut it.
- If you turn something on, shut it off.
- If you spill something, clean it up.
- If you borrow something, bring it back.
- If you get something out, put it away.
- Put your clothes in the hamper.
- Serve others in need.
- Don't ask to be first or to get the biggest piece.
- Don't gamble or make bets.
- Go out of your way to make younger children feel loved and appreciated.
- Don't go behind closed doors with adults and don't allow the younger kids to do so.
- Don't eat with your fingers unless it is finger food.
- Use a napkin not your shirt.
- Thank people when you leave their house.
- Little kids: Stay in bed. Keep your head on your pillow.

- Little kids: Don't touch outlets, plants, and Christmas ornaments.
- Go to bed on time. Not a minute late.
- Take care of your toys, possessions, and pets.
- Don't climb on the furniture.
- Don't get even. Ask for help.
- Don't open or read other's mail.
- Ask permission before leaving the house or inviting someone over.
- Don't scare people (very often ;-))

APPENDIX 3: Standards God Has for Our Kids

Honoring

Ephesians 6:1-3 Children... ²“Honor your father and mother” — which is the first commandment with a promise— ³“that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

Obedient

Ephesians 6:1-3 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right... NIV

Colossians 3:20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. NIV

1 Timothy 3:4 [An overseer] must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. NIV

Titus 1:6 An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. NIV

Respectful

1 Timothy 3:4 [An overseer] must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. NIV

Believing

Titus 1:6 An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. NIV

Not wild

Titus 1:6 An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. NIV

Bringing peace to the home

Proverbs 29:17 Discipline your son, and he will give you peace; he will bring delight to your soul.

Hebrews 12:11b [Discipline] produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. NIV

On a good course

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

Pure and right conduct

Proverbs 20:11 Even a child is known by his actions, by whether his conduct is pure and right. NIV

Righteous

Hebrews 12:11b [Discipline] produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. NIV

Wise and not foolish

Proverbs 29:15 The rod of correction imparts wisdom, but a child left to himself disgraces his mother.

Proverbs 22:15 Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him.

Well-versed in the commands of God

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. ⁷Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. NIV

Trained and instructed

Ephesians 6:4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. NIV

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

Sensible, self-controlled, and Sober-minded

Titus 2:6 Likewise urge the young men to be sensible; NASU

Titus 2:6 Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. NIV

Titus 2:6 Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded, NKJV

Submitted to those who are older

1 Peter 5:5 Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” NIV

Under authority

1 Peter 2:13a Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every authority instituted among men. NIV

