

## **Prescription for Healthy Parenting** October 7 & 8, 2023

## **HOW CAN I BE A CHRIST-LIKE PARENT:**

1. Show

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. [1 PETER 3:8 NIV]

2. Give and .

And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that 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 on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. [DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7 NLT]

Discipline your children while there is hope. Otherwise you will ruin their lives. [PROVERBS 19:18 NLT]

# 3. Build \_\_\_\_\_\_

Fathers, do not aggravate your children, or they will become discouraged. [COLOSSIANS 3:21 NLT]

## 4. Remain

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. [HEBREWS 13:8 NLT]

"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." [GALATIANS 6:7-9 NLT]

- $\mathbf{A} = \text{Affection} (\text{show compassion})$
- **M**= Mentor (give counsel and correction)
- **E** = Encourage (build confidence)
- **N** = Nurture (remain consistent)

## How to receive forgiveness from God:

1) Admit that you have sinned against God and others. 2) Believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and died for you on the cross. 3) Commit to following Jesus Christ all the days of your life!

#### You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness.

I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In your name, Amen.

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