

FROM
ME TO WE

KEYS FOR BUILDING **STRONG FAMILIES AND RELATIONSHIPS**

#11 HELP, I'M A PARENT! - PART 4

1. Encourage challenges and reward accomplishments and effort.

- **James 1:2-4**

2. Nurture your child's faith.

- **Deuteronomy 6:1-9** • **Deuteronomy 11:18-21**

How do you pass faith on to your children?

- ▶ Live your faith in front of them — live a Jesus-centered life.

1 Corinthians 11:1 (NIV) Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

- ▶ Promote a personal relationship with God over religion.

Revelation 3:20 (TLB) Look! I have been standing at the door, and I am constantly knocking. If anyone hears me calling him and opens the door, I will come in and fellowship with him and he with me.

- ▶ Share Jesus with your children, and make sure they understand the story and purpose of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

John 3:16 (NIV) For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

- ▶ Schedule devotional times with the family — make them age-appropriate, positive, creative and brief.

Proverbs 8:32-35 (TPT) So listen, my sons and daughters, to everything I tell you, for nothing will bring you more joy than following my ways. Listen to my counsel, for my instruction will enlighten you. You'll be wise not to ignore it. If you wait at wisdom's doorway, longing to hear a word for every day, joy will break forth within you as you listen for what I'll say. For the fountain of life pours into you every time that you find me, and this is the secret of growing in the delight and the favor of the Lord.

- ▶ Pray for your children and pray with your children.

Numbers 6:22-27 (NIV) The Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.'"

- ▶ Bring your children to church and keep them engaged in church life.

Hebrews 10:25 (TLB) Let us not neglect our church meetings, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of his coming back again is drawing near.

- ▶ Build Christian friendships.

Psalms 1:1, 2 (TLB) Oh, the joys of those who do not follow evil men's advice, who do not hang around with sinners, scoffing at the things of God. But they delight in doing everything God wants them to, and day and night are always meditating on his laws and thinking about ways to follow him more closely.

1 Corinthians 15:33 (NLT) ... For "bad company corrupts good character."

Proverbs 13:20 (TPT) If you want to grow in wisdom, spend time with the wise. Walk with the wicked and you'll eventually become just like them.