

NANNY 911

THE WORLD'S HARDEST JOB:

Genesis 4:1-16, 1 Samuel 2:22-36, 3:13, 2 Samuel 13:25, 1 Kings 1:5-6, Luke 2:39-50

5 KEYS TO RUNNING ALONGSIDE YOUR KID:

Colossians 3:20-21, Ephesians 6:1-4, Acts 8:26-40, Proverbs 13:24, 19:18

❶ Kids spell 'Love': **T I M E**.

❷ Listen to **understand**, not to be **understood**.

Talk **with** your kid, not **to** your kid.

Pay now or **pay later**.

❸ Rules without **relationship** lead to **rebellion**.

Set clear **boundaries** and **consequences**.

Don't have **rules** without **reasons**.

Pick some battles **to lose**.

❹ **Encourage** far more than you **criticize**.

❺ Make sure your kids **know**:

they are **loved**.

they can't get **their own way**.

KEEP FOCUSED ON THE BIG PICTURE:

Mark 1:32-39, Hebrews 12:10-11, Proverbs 22:6

Make your first priority **G O D**, not **G P A** or **M V P**.

A FINAL THOUGHT:

You can **stack the deck** in your favor, but still draw **a Joker!**

TAKING IT HOME

1. Giving specific affirmation is an important ingredient in meaningful encouragement. It shows others that we really know them and value who they are. Use the list below to help you name 2-4 specific things that you appreciate about each of your children or a couple friends.

Honest	Kind	Compassionate
Hard worker	Diligent	Trustworthy
Shows love	Peaceful	Gentle
Accepting	Content	Calm
Patient	Self-controlled	Joyful
Faithful	Energetic	Persistent
Strong	Intelligent	Other

How are you doing at affirming these qualities in your kids/friends?

What steps does Proverbs 3:27 motivate you to take with each of the individuals you thought about above?

2. Is there one of the five keys from this weekend that you can begin to practice in your life as a parent and/or as a son or daughter?

LIFE HAPPENS



Women's Retreat
March 28-30, 2008

Murrieta Hot Springs - Calvary Chapel Conference Center
Cost varies depending on room size.

Life comes at you fast. Are you ready? Join us for insightful teaching with guest speaker **Robyn Henk**, outstanding praise and worship, spiritual renewal, a great time with God, and connection with friends, old and new. Sign up online or at the weekend services.

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- 2 Listen to _____, not to be _____.
Talk _____ your kid, not _____ your kid.
_____ or _____.
- 3 Rules without _____ lead to _____.
Set clear _____ and _____.
Don't have _____ without _____.
Pick some battles _____.
- 4 _____ far more than you _____.
- 5 Make sure your kids _____:
they are _____.
they can get _____.

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Growth Group Homework

For the week of March 9, 2008

Special Note About this Week's Topic of Parenting: This week's homework and Growth Group discussion are designed to be helpful for all of us regardless of our family status or age. For those who don't have children, it could be helpful in preparing for a possible future family, providing insights on the family we grew up in, or even impacting a variety of our significant relationships.

QUICK REVIEW: Take a look at your sermon notes from this week. Was there a point in the sermon or a passage Chris read that you really took to heart? Was there anything else that challenged you or caught your attention?

MY STORY

1. It's pretty hard to talk about parenting without first taking a look back at how we were raised. What do you consider to be your parents' strengths? Is there anything you wish they had done differently?

Can you identify any ways that your views on parenting may have been shaped by your parents' strengths or weaknesses in raising you?

2. This week a number of our high school students were asked to finish these two statements:

I wish my parents would _____.

I wish my parents knew _____.

If you could go back to your teen years, how might you have filled in those blanks?

What was your reaction to the responses Chris read from our teens?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Pastor Chris encouraged us to "run alongside" our kids. One of our challenges as parents is doing this throughout their lives. Thinking back on how you were parented, how you raised your own kids, or how you would like to parent future children, how could the application of Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and Proverbs 22:6 change throughout a child's development in....

the Preschool or Elementary Years

the Teen Years

the Young Adult Years

the Older Adult Years

2. "Every kid wants to know if they are loved and if they can get their own way." A parent's job is to give them the love they need and to set up clear and consistent boundaries and consequences. What does Hebrews 12:7-11 teach us about the goals of discipline?

What are some questions we could ask ourselves that would help us determine if we are giving discipline out of love or not?

3. We saw this weekend that encouragement is one of the keys in having positive influence on our children and others. What do these verses say about the power of encouragement?

2 Chronicles 32:6-8

Proverbs 16:24

Proverbs 25:11

Hebrew 3:12-13

Do you see any dangers of focusing our encouragement on someone's "performance" over their "purpose" or character qualities?