

Courageous Living

Parenting with Courage

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1. Develop Character not Simply _____

- Stop valuing the preservation of innocence as your primary role as a parent.
- Value the development of character as your primary role as a parent

Romans 5:3-4 "We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation." (NLT=New Living Translation)

2. Value Training not Simply _____

Ephesians 6:4 "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." (NIV=New International Version)

Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it." (NASB=New American Standard Bible)

3. Increase Wisdom Over Simply _____

Luke 2:52 "Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people." (NLT)

Proverbs 2:1-3 "My child, listen to what I say, and treasure my commands. ²Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding. ³Cry out for insight, and ask for understanding." (NLT)

- Teach and _____ God's truth for them
- Give them appropriate opportunities
- Allow them to make _____ mistakes
- Have wisdom growing conversations

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Discussion Questions:

1. If you're a parent, can you remember what things scared you to become a new parent?
2. Why is preserving innocence not enough? Discuss how we move from preserving innocence when they're young to moving towards developing character. How do we develop character according to Romans 5?
3. How do we train our children? Is training passive or active? What are we training them for? What happens if we send our kids out into this world without character or training?
4. How do we raise wise kids? How is wisdom different than knowledge? How do we teach wisdom to the next generation?