

SEVEN suggestions for raising Children Gods way:

(From Lori Schumaker)

1. **Build your faith into everyday moments. Take advantage of life and make them teachable moments that point to the power of Jesus. Use the time for open conversation.**

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 6:7 NLT

2. **Bring every matter back to the condition of your child's heart. Disobedience? Unkind words? Poor choices? They are all matters of the heart. It's not simply about consequences. Get to the matter of the heart.**

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. –Proverbs 4:23 NLT

3. **Model a life of relationship with Christ. You cannot teach what you yourself do not model. Your life must be a living testimony.**

And you yourself must be an example to them by doing good works of every kind. Let everything you do reflect the integrity and seriousness of your teaching. –Titus 2:7 NLT

4. **Pray with your children.**

One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up. –Luke 18:1 NLT

5. **Study His Word with your children.**

I could have no greater joy than to hear that my children are following the truth. -3 John:4 NLT

6. **Worship Him with all your heart. Give your children the opportunity to witness and participate in this.**

All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.” Selah – Psalm 66:4 ESV

7. **Listen to Him.** When you study, pray, and worship. In this way your child will learn to hear Him as well. Together you will stay off the man-made bandwagons and stay on the God-made one.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. -John 10:27 ESV