

From Boys to Men...

The goal is godly adults not well behaved children

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I. Relationship with Christ (*John 3:7, I John, Mt. 4:1-32*):

A. Walk the talk and don't _____

B. *"I want to be respected most by those that know me the best"* - Greg Harris

II. Strong Marriage:

A. 3 C's of marriage

1 Christ

2 _____ (*for as long as we live*)

3 _____ (*perspective and expectations*)

B. Marriage snow ball

III. Parenting:

A. What is the goal?

1. _____, well behaved children

2. _____, godly adults

3. Different approaches

B. Basic principles:

1. God gives us _____ (*they belong to Him / they are not our children*)

2. God gives us _____ (*the owner's manual*)

3. God gives us _____ (*we labor in vain unless God builds the house*)

4. God gives us _____ (*there is safety in a multitude of counselors*)

C. Practical application:

1. Parents are not the final authority – The Word of God

2. Not parents convictions -Their _____
3. **Must** - Know what they believe and why they believe it / able to articulate reasons
4. Parents united, close & _____ the talk
5. Respected v. Liked (*dad v. friend*)
6. Clear boundaries & consistent _____
7. Discipline (*childishness vs. rebellion*)
8. Treat people the way you want to be treated
9. Invest time (*quantity & _____*)
10. Be honest & admit mistakes
11. Bless, praise and encourage (*without _____*)
12. Let them help – when they're no help at all
13. Let them _____ – when consequence are small
14. Learn to take care of the little things
15. More freedom comes with wise decisions
16. Manage their _____
17. Busy and tired
18. Avoid adolescence (*bridge*)

D. Parents Influence:

1. Today's popular philosophy (*the message sent to parents*)
2. Who is _____? (*parents/children*)
3. Rebellious children (*taking v. not taking _____*)
4. Lot's family (*10 righteous people, God would save the entire city*)