

God's Word - Laying a Strong Foundation

Are we laying a strong foundation by hearing and doing God's Word? Are we raising our sons and daughters on the solid rock of scripture?

They need to see us reading and studying God's Word. And at the same time they need to see us enjoying the blessings and applying the truths from God's Word to our lives.

Children are imitators. However, it is not enough to model love for the Bible. They must see our own example of holding God's Word and His values in higher esteem than the world's values. Then, as they watch us, they begin to see the significance of the Word in their own lives.

So, how do we set an example of devotion and love of Scripture?

1. Have a deliberate plan of instruction. Set aside a time and a place to teach about God's Word. Taking them to church is helpful and great, but we cannot depend on one or two hours a week in LIFEGroup for their entire upbringing. Most children love to read, (or be read to) and the best book to read to them is the Bible.

If they are little, they will not grasp the full meaning of God's Word, but little by little, they will come to know God's Word as an equipping tool and not just a set of rules.

2. Talk about the Bible. In the car, around the breakfast table, at bedtime and even during a television program are all times that we can talk about God and His Word.

3. Memorize Scripture together. Write the verse on a poster, index card, the bathroom mirror. Set a time limit for memorizing the verses and offer a reward for everyone who achieves the goal.

The Bible is a strong anchor for life and the only sure foundation for a world that is teetering on shifting sand. We need that foundation and so do our children.

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