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## RAISING A CHILD RIGHT

### **MATTHEW 6:9-13 (NASB)**

**TRUTH:** The key to being blessed by heaven is when a family has a biblical foundation from which they operate and live out their lives (Hosea 4:6).

**TRUTH:** We can influence our great-grandchildren yet to be born by what we do and teach today.

**INSIGHT:** More important than leaving a will for our family is leaving behind a legacy of godliness.

### **8 TRUTHS EVERY CHILD MUST LEARN ABOUT GOD:**

#### **I. TEACH YOUR CHILD THAT GOD WANTS A RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM.**

\*Each child needs to know about God:

1. God is caring (1 Peter 5:7).
2. God is close (Hebrews 13:5).
3. God is consistent (Malachi 3:6).
4. God is capable (Luke 1:37).

**TRUTH:** God as "Father" is the antidote to the number one problem for our kids today: insecurity.

**INSIGHT:** In a school of 1,000 only one can be valedictorian; if a child isn't settled in God's love, they'll battle inferiority.

#### **II. TEACH YOUR CHILD THAT GOD'S NAME DESERVES HONOR.**

#### **III. TEACH YOUR CHILD THAT GOD'S PLAN IS FIRST.**

**TRUTH:** Every child needs to know that life isn't all about them, life doesn't revolve around them.

**TRUTH:** Every child needs to learn they aren't the center of the universe.

#### **IV. TEACH YOUR CHILD THAT GOD CAN MEET ALL THEIR NEEDS.**

**TRUTH:** Biblical parenting leads a child from dependence on the parent to independence, and then to dependence on God.

**INSIGHT:** Daily dependence on God is the antidote to worry.

#### **V. TEACH YOUR CHILD THAT GOD'S FORGIVENESS COMES TO FORGIVERS.**

**TRUTH:** Your child will hurt others and be hurt by others.

**COUNTER-TRUTH:** Your child needs to learn to ask forgiveness and give forgiveness.

**QUESTION:** Has your child ever seen you model asking and giving forgiveness?

**TRUTH:** The greatest problems in your child's life won't be financial or intellectual, but relational.

#### **VI. TEACH YOUR CHILD THAT GOD CAN HELP THEM LIVE RIGHTLY.**

Three temptations of life never change:

1. Lust of the flesh, hedonism
2. Lust of the eyes, greed
3. Pride of life, secularism

**GOD'S HELP TO RESIST TEMPTATION:** 1 Corinthians 10:13

**TRUTH:** Temptation isn't a sin.

#### **VII. TEACH YOUR CHILD THAT GOD WILL PROTECT FROM EVIL.**

#### **VIII. TEACH YOUR CHILD THERE'S MORE LATER THAN NOW.**

**TRUTH:** The biggest problem in our society today is short-term thinking.

**TRUTH:** God is in control, and in times of need He is our supply.

**BATTLE PLAN:** Lamentations 3:24: Deep in my heart I say: "The Lord is all I need! I can depend on Him!"