

WHY KIDS MATTER

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. ⁷Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy 6:5-7 (NIV)

❖ Why Do Kids Matter To Us?

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of his coming back again is drawing near.

Hebrews 10:25 (NLT)

1. Because kids are IMPORTANT to JESUS.

But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Luke 18:16 (NIV)

2. Because they are the FUTURE HOPE for our world.

But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD'S love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children...

Psalms 103:17 (NIV)

3. Because they will be our LEGACY one day.

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

3 John 1:4 (NIV)

❖ Raising Successful Kids:

I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.

Psalms 37:25 (NIV)

1. Children need clear DIRECTION.

Point your kids in the right direction—when they're old they won't be lost.

Proverbs 22:6 (MSG)

2. Children need loving DISCIPLINE.

A refusal to correct is a refusal to love; love your children by disciplining them.

Proverbs 13:24 (MSG)

3. Children need to be taught DILIGENCE.

So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit.

Galatians 6:9 (MSG)

❖ Chets Kids Are a Chets Creek Priority:

Then Jesus said to them, "Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For he who is least among you all—he is the greatest."

Luke 9:48 (NIV)

1. B. ELIEVE – Help them put their TRUST in something that can be COUNTED ON.

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household."

Acts 16:31 (NIV)

2. A. TTITUDE – Teaching them to make WISE CHOICES as they go through life.

May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other—each with the attitude of Christ Jesus toward the other.

Romans 15:5 (NLT)

3. S. IGNIFICANCE – Understanding they were created with a PURPOSE in mind.

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God...

John 1:12 (NIV)

4. E. XPERIENCE – Creating ENVIRONMENTS that help them GROW their FAITH.

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