



GROWTH POINT

MIDWEEK SERVICE

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TITLE: DEVELOPING GODLY CHILDREN

“In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. 2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god. 3 And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king’s seed, and of the princes; 4 Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king’s palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans. 5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king’s meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king. 6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: 7 Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abednego. 8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.” (Daniel 1:1-8)

INTRODUCTION

“And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4)

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)

1. Develop a Heart of _____

A. Purpose Begins at _____

“And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.” (2 Timothy 3:15)

“But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.” (Romans 8:9)

B. Purpose is Developed Through the _____

“He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.” (Proverbs 4:4)

2. Develop a Mind of _____

A. Obedient to _____

“Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:” (1 Peter 1:22)

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” (John 17:17)

B. Resisting _____

“But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. 19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: 20 These are the things which defile a man:” (Matthew 15:18–20)

“Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.” (Titus 1:15)

Six Ways Parents Help with Heart Development

1. Be Willing to Say, “No”
2. Remember You Are the Parent
3. Avoid a Defensive Attitude
4. Protect Your Home Environment
5. Avoid People Negative about Church
6. Know Your Children’s Friends

“Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.” (1 Corinthians 15:33)

3. The Guidance of _____

A. Formed through Character _____

“Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. 4 We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done. 5 For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: 6 That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children:” (Psalm 78:3-6)

Quote: “Giftedness without character guidance is a tragedy waiting to happen.”

B. Formed through Biblical _____

“And God spake all these words, saying, 3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.” (Exodus 20:1, 3)

“With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. 11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.” (Psalm 119:10-11)

C. Formed through Biblical _____

*“Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.”
(Philippians 4:9)*

CONCLUSION _____

