

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD GROW SPIRITUALLY

- 2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14-17

A. Let's Review "HOW TO LEAD YOUR CHILD TO FAITH IN CHRIST FOR SALVATION"

B. Let's Grasp "HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD GROW SPIRITUALLY"

- Let's define spiritual growth: *Spiritual growth is a gradual _____ over time after spiritual birth in which the believer in Christ _____ into Christ-like character {the fruit of the Holy Spirit} and being equipped for service to others through a growing understanding and application of the _____. While spiritual birth changes the person's destiny and position forever, spiritual growth transforms their life & relationships with God, the saved, and the lost.*
- Let's define the Christian life:

What Is The Christian Life To Be?

The authentic Christian life is designed to be a daily, personal, vertical fellowship with God based on your identification with Jesus Christ, motivated primarily by His love, and provided totally by His grace and power, which is enjoyed through repeated responses of faith as one diligently seeks the Lord, resulting in spiritual growth in Christ-likeness, faithful obedience to God's will, and fruitful service to others in love, all to the glory of God.

- How do you grow spiritually? The 5 "T"s for spiritual growth are:
 1. There is _____ in passing the baton of truth from one generation to another. {2 Tim. 1:5} What are some of the hindrances to this? {Rom. 12:2}

2. Children can begin & need to learn _____ from _____ if given the opportunity. {2 Tim. 3:15} How can this be done?

a. *Formally* by:

- Reading & explaining the _____ to them.
- Having them read & explain the Scriptures _____.
- Teaching them _____.
- Involving them in a _____.
- _____ the WOG.
- Training them to _____.
- Training them to _____.
- _____ with them.
- Teaching them good scriptural _____.
- Wisely selecting their _____.
- Teaching them _____ to read the Scriptures, pray, and even study the Bible alone.
- Involving them in _____ via hospitality, evangelism, prayer, ministering to others, etc. during and outside church times.

b. *Informally* by:

- Capturing every day _____ to communicate DVP.
- Being an _____ to your children.
- Being _____ in the books / TV / internet they read, watch, or are exposed to. {Phil. 4:8}
- Allowing them to learn to _____ without you always solving it for them but guiding them.
- Allow them to _____ frustration & failure at home if needed and to learn from it about God's sufficient grace and their insufficiency.

3. Parents need to go beyond the right behavior to developing the right biblical _____ in the context of a _____ with the Lord: otherwise, you will train your child to be self-righteous _____ who do not know how to abide in Christ or joyfully serve as unto the Lord.