

## Lesson 1

### **EIGHT THINGS EVERY PARENT SHOULD GIVE HIS CHILD** ***II Timothy 1:5***

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Jesus said in *Luke 6:38* - "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

He also said in *Acts 20:35* - "It is more blessed to give than to receive." To get, you must give. That is not an option.

Nowhere is that more true than with your children. With them, you have the first and greatest opportunity at giving.

Giving of food, protection, shelter and the meeting of other material needs are obvious. These are clearly necessary, but there are some things children need just as much as they need material care, and these other needs are not so obvious.

Children are of great value, much more so than silver, gold and precious stones - *Psalm 127:3-5* - "Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them."

Parents love your children. Give to them; not only material goods, but those ingredients of life that are not so tangible. Never forget that many of the less tangible ingredients of life are every bit as important as those we can see and touch.

**TRANS. SENTENCE:** I will now share with you "Eight Most Important Things You Should Give Your Child."

#### **I. MATERIAL GOODS**

- A. Yes, Every Parent Is Responsible To God To Meet The Material Needs Of His/Her Child –  
*I Tim. 5:8* - "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."  
*I Tim. 6:8* says "and having food and raiment let us be therewith content."
- B. Parents Have A Moral Obligation To Meet The Basic Material Needs Of Their Children.

#### **II. A GOOD EXAMPLE**

- A. No Teacher Is More Powerful And Profound Than An Example
  - 1. Your child is mainly going to imitate you and grow up to be what you are. There are exceptions, but it is usually a monkey see - monkey do situation.

2. Your attitudes, your values, your habits and your character are most likely to become those of your child.

#### B. Give Your Child A Good Example

1. This advice to preachers is also good advice for parents. It's *I Tim. 4:12 - "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."*
2. Let your child see in you love, integrity, forgiveness, responsibility, good morals, faithfulness, a good work ethic, kindness, good for evil and solid character.

### III. A STRONG VALUE SYSTEM

#### A. Children Have To Be Taught What Is Right And Wrong, Good And Bad

1. Right and good is not automatic to anyone - *"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked", - Jer. 17:9.* Solomon said in *Pro. 22:15 - "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child".*
2. Children must be taught what is right, good and acceptable to God. - *Deut. 6:4-9 - "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes, And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates."*

#### B. Parents, Give Your Children Godly Values

*"Abhor that which is evil" and "cleave to that which is good" - Rom. 12:9.*  
*Psalms 20:5 - "In the name of our God we will set up our banners"*  
 (standards).

### IV. DISCIPLINE

- A. Everybody Needs Discipline
- B. Parent, Give Your Child Discipline

### V. ATTENTION

#### A. Your Child Needs And Craves Your Attention

1. He desperately wants you to see what he's doing.

2. If you want to hurt, starve and disappoint your child, ignore him.

#### B. Attention To His Life Is A Great Gift To Your Child

1. It is easy to become so preoccupied with the cares of life that we do not pay much attention to our children.
2. Remember that your child needs you, not merely the goods you can give. - *Psalms 127:3-5* surely indicates a warm, involved relationship between parents and children. - *"Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate."*

### VI. PRAISE

#### A. Everybody Needs Encouragement

1. The Bible word for it is "edification" which means to build up. *"Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another" - Rom. 14:19.*
2. We are not to deal with our children, in a negative, pessimistic, critical way. *Phil. 4:8 - "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things".*

#### B. Give Your Child Praise

1. Build his self esteem. Do not magnify his "F's"; exalt his "A's".
2. If you break his spirit you will turn him in the wrong direction.

### VII. LOVE

#### A. Love Covers A Broad Spectrum And With It, Many Other Problems Are Solved

1. *I Pet. 4:8 - "Above all things have fervent charity among yourselves" for charity shall cover the multitude of sins".*
2. *Song of Solomon 8:7. - "Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be condemned" (looked down on).*

B. Parent, Give Your Child Lots Of Love

1. Show it.
2. There is always hope where love it.

**VIII. CHRIST**

A. More Than Anything Else, Your Child Needs Christ. Failure Here Is Fatal

B. Devote Yourself To Bringing Your Child To Christ - *II Tim. 1:5*