

SPIRITUAL PARENTING

Harlyn Matson

June 17, 2018

“Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.” 1 Timothy 5:1-2 (NIV)

“I’m writing as a father to you, my children. I love you and want you to grow up well.”
1 Cor 4:14 (TM)

“A righteous person is one who lives for the next generation.”

Dietrich Bonhoffer

“You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. For you know that we dealt with each of you **as a father deals with his own children**, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.” 1 Thessalonians 2:10-12 (NIV)

1. **HOW** you live matters

- Remain **TEACHABLE**
- Watch your **LIFESTYLE**

“Be careful about the way you live and about what you teach. Keep on doing this, and you will save not only yourself, but the people who hear you.” 1 Timothy 4:16 (CEV)

- Stay active in **SERVING GOD**
- Practice self-control with your **TONGUE**

“Be gracious in your speech. The goal is to bring out the best in others in a conversation, not put them down, not cut them out.” Colossians 4:6 (Msg)

- Beware of inappropriate **BEHAVIOR**

“Avoid every kind of evil.” 1 Thessalonians 5:22 (NIV)

2. **WHO** you pass it on to matters **MOST**

“I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.” 2 Timothy 1:5 (NIV)

“The Lord answered, ‘Could a mother forget a child who nurses at her breast? Could she fail to love an infant who came from her own body? Even if a mother could forget, I will never forget you.’” Isaiah 49:15 (CEV)

- **Open your BIBLE**

“For the word of God is full of living power. It is sharper than the sharpest knife, cutting deep into our innermost thoughts and desires. It exposes us for what we really are.” Hebrews 4:12 (NLT)

- **Open your HOME**

“When God's children are in need, be the one to help them out. And get into the habit of inviting guests home for dinner or, if they need lodging, for the night.” Romans 12:13 (NLT)

- **Open your CALENDAR**

“Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away on a journey, when you are lying down and when you are getting up again. Tie them to your hands as a reminder, and wear them on your forehead. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” Deuteronomy 6:7-9 (NLT)

“Don't bow down and worship idols. I am the Lord your God, and I demand all your love. If you reject me, I will punish your families for three or four generations. But if you love me and obey my laws, I will be kind to your families for thousands of generations.” Exodus 20:5-6 (CEV)

My Action Steps....