

10 Most Important Things to Teach Your Child by the End of High School

Acrostic of the words: 'HIGH SCHOOL'

- H**onor God's Word—by watching, listening & thinking about it every day - BIBLE
(Reading is the least effective way to learn. Faith comes by **hearing**.)
The Visual Bible can be watched daily-until memorized-on YouTube.com:
Matthew (26 segments), John (19 segments) & Acts (20 segments) & Luke (the Jesus Film)
- I**magine greatness — read or watch biographies of **godly** role models - HISTORY
For an eye-opening view of **U.S.** History-David Barton www.wallbuilders.com
Do a personal timeline of your life (*maybe even write your own obit!*). Dream.
- G**row in knowledge - find answers about life & living, where we came from - SCIENCE
Ask questions, visit the Creation Museum in KY www.AnswersinGenesis.org
- H**onor others — learn to daily ask yourself '**who can I help today?**' - RELATIONSHIPS
http://nogreaterjoy.org/family https://xomarrriage.com/ Pray for relatives daily.
- S**ave 10%, **tithe*** 10% & pay at least 1 monthly family bill - ECONOMICS/ MATH
(***DEBT** stands for '**Doing Everything But Tithing**' www.daveramsey.com)
For math, buy 'A.C.T. for Dummies' & do all the tests until you master them!
The ACT & SAT tests are the 'litmus tests' for college entrance & scholarships.
- C**ontrol emotions - practice courtesy & caution - DRIVER'S ED. courses available at:
www.dmv.org (*driving can reveal how much 'fruit of the spirit' is developed*)
- H**eal & discipline your body to do daily household chores - EXERCISE/ HEALTH
& adopt Healthy Habits - Practice cooking a **healthy** meal for your family weekly.
Read health news (www.mercola.com, draxe.com, www.blaylockreport.com)
- O**bey authority - be informed, **visit**, know & pray for your local officials - GOVERNMENT
join a cause, like www.frc.org or www.rutherford.org or a local political party
- O**rganize & label all the family photos & memorabilia chronologically - ENGLISH
WRITE about events, enter contests, take pictures & do your own yearbook.
Use technology to **document, disseminate & defend** Biblical truth.
- L**earn contentment by creatively expressing yourself to God - WORSHIP/ ARTS
This goes beyond music & art...it's whatever—in excellence—you create.

PROTECTIVE WARNINGS:

To teach your child how to identify people's TRUE character, tell them to pay **CLOSE** attention to how a person **REACTS when offenses or disappointments come**.
When a person is thrown 'off guard' — that's when you get a glimpse of who they really are.
Is their first impulse anger? Proverbs tells us they are a fool and 13:20 says: 'He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a **COMPANION of fools** shall be **destroyed**.'

What goes into the eyes & ears of a child has the potential to get into their heart.
(*That's why television and music are such powerful change agents.*)
Since the air waves are not a vacuum (*something WILL fill them*), saturate your air waves **EARLY ON** with inspirational programs and great music (*we all prefer music that beats to the same rhythm as our heart—and young people's hearts beat **faster** than adults*).

Parenting 101

*by grandma ginger
(happy & married 55+ years,
and wish I'd known this info a long time ago)*

Advice for DADS: It's NOT about **your** needs anymore.
Self-centeredness is the **opposite** of godliness.

#1 NEED of a child from a FATHER: SACRIFICIAL LOVE

The influence of a father can never be underestimated.
A father's **approval** and **affirmation** affects the lives of his children into adulthood. Because he is their 'shadow' of the Heavenly Father, they want to be just like him—until they realize he is not God.
But, if he's successful, they'll know there is a God, and **He's good**.
Every self-less act (*i.e. generosity, integrity, showing respect to their mother, teaching them practical skills...*) gives children confidence that there IS an ultimate authority & the desire to submit to Him.
Likewise, every selfish deed (*i.e. demanding their own way, outbursts of anger, irresponsibility, hypocrisy...*) diminishes a child's ability to respect authority and fosters rebellion.

Advice for MOMS: More is '**caught**' than taught.

Like it or not, your kids will become much like you—emotionally.

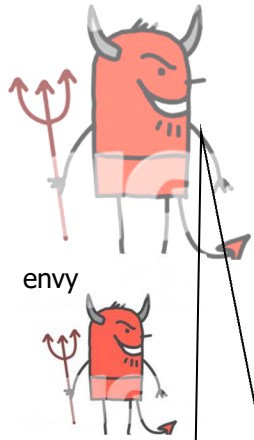
#1 NEED of a child from a MOTHER: NURTURING LOVE

Motherhood—a **magnetic bond**
Just like magnets that are locked in an unseen polarity, a mother and child have a strong bond at birth. That bond wanes as the child grows and, somewhere around puberty, the polarity changes so that one of the 'magnets' (*the child*), is actually repelled by the other. This is a law of nature. It is to be understood & welcomed by the mother. The bond has to be severed in preparation for the 'magnet' (*young adult*) to bond to another in marriage. If this bond is broken prematurely, it is difficult for them to bond with a partner. If it is not allowed to be broken (*forced together by guilt*), it is also very difficult for future permanent bondings. Mothers **MUST** eventually let go.

Mothering—like **gardening**

When a seed is put in the ground, it needs constant attention, lots of light, food and water. However, it **can** be **over-watered**. Strong roots need to go deep into the earth and **find their own water**.
The same is true with children. Hence, a wise mother works her way out of a job. Words **are** the 'water' of life. So, mothers must **LISTEN MORE** and **TALK LESS** to their child as they mature—so the child **reaches deep down** in order to hear God for themselves. And, especially if they're around godly people regularly, they'll begin to hear God for themselves. Of course, sometimes it's okay to say, 'do you **want** my opinion?' but only if you can respect it when they say 'no' and not have hurt feelings. Learn to trust with **gratitude** and **rejoice** that the Holy Spirit is replacing you—He's **much** smarter.
(*Note: women are saved from **self-centeredness** in childbearing—1 Tim. 2:15 & men are saved from **self-centeredness** by circumcision—denying their flesh.*)

Holding UP 'the fort'



bitterness

envy

*House of refuge & healing
filled with gratitude, joy & peace*

SALVATION

WORD

FAITH

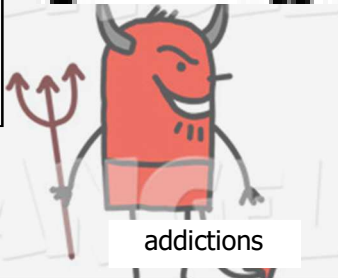
standing on the principles of God's Word

Why should you stay home all day while I go out and work hard?
You need to get out into the 'real world' and see what I put up with.

All right, guys, she's put up a fence with prayer and gratitude, **but if we just can get her out** we can get in— then the man & kids will be **EASY to take captive**— they'll have no safe place go for rest.



depression



addictions



loneliness



rejection



suicide



lust