

Marriage and Family: Enjoying The Journey
**301: Healthy Friends and Family / Part – 2 Parenting, Step Parenting, Grand-
Parenting & Mentoring Essentials**

LESSON 10: Developing Character In Kids
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1 - We must parent with an eye to the _____!

Questions – Is what you are doing being done on purpose?
What do you hope your child becomes? What will describe their character?

2 - Eight Key Aspects Of _____.

To develop a child of good character, we must be parents of good character.
What does good character look like?

2.1 _____ – Or Loving.

Do they follow the Golden Rule, and the Platinum Rule?

John 13:34 – 35

34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

2.2 _____ – Taking ownership of life.

Matt. 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

2.3 _____ – Avoid passive living.

Zechariah 8:16

These are the things you are to do: Speak the truth to each other

Gal 6:9

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

2.4 _____ – Overcoming Fear & Stepping Out.

1Pet 2:12

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

1Cor 16:13

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong.

2.5 _____ – Good Judgment.

Act 6:3

Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them

2.6 _____ – Honesty.

Act 24:16

In view of this, I also do my best to maintain always a blameless conscience both before God and before men.

2.7 _____ – Ability to overcome obstacles of life.

Luke 8:15

But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

2.8 _____ – Being grounded in God.

Matt. 6:33

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.

Heb 13:17

Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

3 - _____ **Consequences:**

Life works on reality consequences.

Avoid psychological and relational consequences.

Engage reality consequences.

4 - **The Law of _____ and _____!**

Gal. 6:7

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

4.1 **The _____ of parenting**

Is not... To control the child into doing what you want, or to “make them” behave.

The goal of Parenting is...

To give children the choice to do what they want.

But, to make it painful when they choose poorly.

Gal. 5:22-2

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

4.2 **The _____ for the Law of Sowing and Reaping is...**

To give children freedom,

& to allow choices,

To manage the consequences accordingly,

& to heap on praise and increase the freedoms as appropriate.

But, when your children make bad choices... Allow them to feel pain.

Empathize with their loss

& to Avoid the “I told you so’s”

4.3 **The _____:**

_____ (Unmerited Favor) + _____ (Structure) / _____ = **Solid Character**

4.4 **The _____:**

Parenting means...

Giving freedom, Requiring responsibility, &

Rendering consequences, while being loving throughout.

Small Group Questions:

1 – What aspects of Character do you think is the hardest to instill in children?

2 – How large of a role do you think parents play in helping to develop character in children?

3 – Have you seen the Law of Sowing and Reaping at work in your own family?

4 – Where do you need the most help and prayer in implementing a new direction?

5 – What do you hope to take away and apply from this session?