

# Conveying Truth to the Next Generation

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Revelation 12:17

14 These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly:

15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

I Timothy 3:14-15

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

II Timothy 4:3-4

Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;

Deuteronomy 4:9

6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

7 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.

8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth.

Isaiah 38:19

Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.

Joel 1:3



For because ye did it not at the first, the LORD our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not after the due order.

I Chronicles 15:13

Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:19

Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Jude 1:3

# A Few Quick Rules for Conveying Truth

- Consider ages realistically or be an oppressor (Ps 103:13-14; Prov 28:16).
- Length and loudness are not wise, but rather consistency (Deut 6:7).
- A little bit here and a little bit there, constantly, will work (Is 28:9-13).
- Comprehension and appreciation trump quantity and intensity, etc.
- Learning should be part of everyday life by instruction and discussion.
- Competing inputs should be limited due to scarce resources of youth.
- If you wait until late at night or after a big meal, they should sleep.
- If you cannot make it applicable to their lives, their senses stay dull.
- It cannot be all spoon-feeding. They must do some on their own.
- Do not talk the whole time. Let them read, ask, review, teach, share.

# Child Training Goals and Priorities



SPIRITUAL GOALS (#1)	Character Goals (#2)	Role/Function Goals (#3)	Practical Goals (#4)
Fear of God (Eccl 12:13; Ps 34:11)	<u>BOTH</u>	<u>BOTH</u>	<u>BOTH</u>
Love of God (Deut 6:4-5; 10:12)	Love Others (Ro 12:10; I Co 13:4-7)	Transferable Skill (I Thess 4:11-12)	Use Wise Counsellors (Prov 15:22)
Delight in God (Jer 9:23-24)	Gracious (Prov 11:16,22; 22:11)	Friends (Prov 9:6; 13:20; 27:10)	Etiquette & Manners (I Co 10:31-33)
Bible Authority (Ps 119:128)	Reputation (Prov 22:1; Luke 2:52)	Inputs (Ps 101:3; Prov 19:27)	Public Speaking Skill (III Sa 14:1-17)
Bible Knowledge (II Tim 3:15-17)	Faithful (Prov 20:6; 11:13; 14:5)	Hospitality (Rom 12:13; Heb 13:2)	Computer & Phone Expertise
Fellowship in Christ (Jn 14:15-24)	Wisdom (Prov 4:5-13; 14:8,15,18)	Engage & Participate (Eph 5:21)	Internet Research Skills
Assurance of Heaven (II Pe 1:8-11)	Sober & Serious (Titus 2:4,7)	Child Training (Prov 1:8; 29:15)	Bank Accounts & Loans
Baptism & Church (Acts 2:38-41)	Servant Heart (Ga 5:13; I Co 16:15)	Romance & Sex (Solomon's Song)	Real Estate Transactions
Live by Faith (II Cor 5:7; Heb 11:6)	Joyful (Prov 15:13,15; Hab 3:17-19)	Conventional (I Cor 9:22; 13:5)	Insurance & Govt Programs
Mortify the Flesh (Col 3:1-11)	Rule Emotions (Prov 16:32; 25:28)	Creative (Prov 8:12; Ruth 3:1-5)	Taxes – Income, Real, SS, Sales
Walk in the Spirit (Gal 5:22-25)	Diligence (Prov 22:29; 31:15,27)	<u>GIRLS</u>	Diet and Exercise for Fitness
Pray Effectually (Luke 11:1-13)	Temperance (I Cor 9:24-27)	Submissive (Gen 3:16; Eph 5:22-24)	<u>GIRLS</u>
Resist Devil (Eph 4:27; 6:10-20)	Peacemaker (Mat 5:9; Jas 3:17-18)	Not Amazed (I Pet 3:6; I Sam 25:19)	Shopping Prudence (Prov 31:13-14)
Love of Worship (Ps 34:1-3)	Considerate (Phil 2:3-4; Eph 4:1-3)	Reverent (Eph 5:33; I Pet 3:1-6)	Jobs for Women (Prov 31:16,24)
Love of Church (Ps 27:4; 122:1-9)	Obedient (Ep 6:1-3; I Pet 2:13-20)	Infant & Child Care (Ruth 4:16)	Charity Initiative (Prov 31:20)
Tree of Life (Prov 11:30; 22:17-21)	<u>GIRLS</u>	Domestic Duties (Pr 31:15,21,27)	Time Management & Structure
	Virtuous (Prov 31:10-31; Ruth 3:11)	Keeper at Home (I Tim 5:13-14)	Feminine Gracefulness, Elegance
	Chaste/Modest (Tit 2:5; Is 3:16-24)	Flexible (Ruth 1:16-18; Song 2:10)	Mentor Children for Teaching
	Energetic & Tough (Gen 24:15-20)	Bold Shulamite (Song 1:2,12; 3:4)	Basic Mechanical Skills
	Meek & Quiet (I Cor 14:34-35)	Sartorial & Décor (Prov 31:22)	Elementary Nursing Skills (CNA)
	Pure & Virgin (De 22:13-21; Jer 3:3)	Hate SOICE Women (Pr 30:21-23)	<u>GUYS</u>
	<u>GUYS</u>	<u>GUYS</u>	School & Degree Maxed (Ec 10:10)
	Gentle & Merciful (Pr 20:28; Mic 6:8)	Know Female Needs (I Pet 3:7)	Career Trajectory Maxed (Pr 17:2)
	Vigilant Leader (I Cor 16:13)	Money Smart (Prov 14:4; 27:18)	Dress for Success (Gen 41:42)
	Bold & Confident (Prov 28:1)	Money Saved (Pr 11:16; 21:17,20)	Basic Medical Knowledge
	Pure & Virtuous (Ps 101:2-3)	Cherish & Nourish (Eph 5:25-30)	Household M&R Knowledge
	Communicative (John 15:15)	Loyal & Royal Lover (Prov 5:19)	LetGodBeTrue Website Expertise
	Zealous (Gal 4:18; II Kgs 10:16)	Manager of Conflict Resolution	Evaluate All Relationships
	Knowledge (Prov 12:1; 18:15; 19:2)	Family Planning in All Aspects	Learn Total Household Costs

NOTE: Table is not exhaustive. There are detailed documents for most entries. See related outline ([here](#)) or search website. Let this table lead to better goals and priorities.

# Teaching Children the Truth – Suggestions for Parents

*(Trust God's Providence – Your Pastor's Twelve Weekly Visits)*

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