

Release Your Child to the Lord

PARENTING 101 #3 - Pastor Gary Combs - July 31, 2016 - 1 Thessalonians 2:7-12

1 Thessalonians 2:7-12 (ESV) ⁷ But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸ So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us. ⁹ For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. ¹¹ For you know how, like a father with his children, ¹² we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

How to Release Your Child to the Lord:

1. _____ when they are young.

Ephesians 6:1-4 (ESV) Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

Philippians 3:17 (NLT) ...pattern your lives after mine, and learn from those who follow our example.

1 Corinthians 4:21 (ESV) What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?

2. _____ as they grow.

Ephesians 6:4 (ESV) Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Colossians 3:21 (ESV) Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

Hebrews 10:24 (GW) We must also consider how to encourage each other to show love and to do good things.

3. _____ as they mature.

Ephesians 4:1 (ESV) I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called

2 Timothy 2:1-2 (ESV) You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

John 20:21 (ESV) Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

Psalms 127:1-5 (ESV) ¹ Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain... ³ Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. ⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. ⁵ Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! ...