

REEL RELATIONSHIPS



Cheaper By the Dozen – Raising Your Kids without Raising Your Blood Pressure

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INTRODUCTION: There are four basic needs every child has . . .

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

PRINCIPLE: Boys and Girls have these needs fulfilled through one basic _____ they need answered by their parents.

Boy's Question: Do I have what it _____ he is looking to _____ you

Girl's Question: Am I _____ . . . she is trying to capture your _____

BIBLICAL TRUTH: In order to answer these questions correctly, you must be the _____ parent. To be the perfect parent we have to _____ the only one that is the perfect parent.

But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Matthew 5:48 (NLT)

HOW TO IMITATE THE PERFECT PARENT

- I must _____ my children
- Psalm 103:14-15; Proverbs 24:3; Proverbs 14:29
- I must _____ and _____ my children
- I John 3:18; Romans 15:7
- I must be their _____, but be I must be their _____ first
- I Timothy 3:4; Proverbs 13:24; Proverbs 19:18
- I must be _____ with my children
- Psalm 145:17; Proverbs 20:7; Psalm 145:13
- I must point them to _____
- Philippians 3:8; Acts 16:34

FINAL THOUGHT: As parents, you choose what is most _____ to your family.

... choose today whom you will serve ... *as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.* **Joshua 24:15 (NLT)**

NEXT STEP

Take today's message as starting point for further study. This week read the Scriptures below and answer the questions that go along with each.

MONDAY

Read Matthew 5:48 and I Peter 1:16. What is the common theme between these two verses? Are these verses realistic? If yes, then how . . . if no, why not?

TUESDAY

Read Psalm 103:13-14; Proverbs 14:29, 24:3. What is the general theme of each of these verses? How does it make you feel that God understands you?

WEDNESDAY

Read Proverbs 13:24, 19:18. Why is it so difficult to discipline our children? Write what you feel is the difference between discipline and punishment.

THURSDAY

Read Luke 15:11-32. Who are the main characters of this story? Write down all the actions of the father in this story (toward each child).

FRIDAY

Read Joshua 24:1-15. What are some practical ways that you can make sure to keep Jesus the number one priority in your family?

SATURDAY

What was the most meaningful statement or Scripture you read this week?

What does God want you to do as a result of this week's study?

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READING.

Genesis 36 -42