

Shaping a Child's View of God
Biblical Parenting – Part 7
Life Church St. Louis – September 10, 2017
Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

1 Corinthians 11:1 (ESV) *Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

Matthew 6:9 (ESV) *Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.*

1. _____ of God's mighty acts

Psalm 145:4 (ESV) One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

A. _____ on God's splendor

Psalm 145:5 (ESV) On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

B. _____ of God's righteousness

Psalm 145:7 (ESV) They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

2. Emulate God's _____ character

Psalm 145:8a (ESV) The LORD is gracious and merciful ...

A. Demonstrate steadfast _____

Psalm 145:8b (ESV) ... slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

B. Show _____ to everyone

Psalm 145:9 (ESV) The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

3. Act to _____ those in need

Psalm 145:14 (ESV) The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

A. _____ for your family

Psalm 145:15 (ESV) The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

B. _____ your children's calls

Psalm 145:18 (ESV) The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
 - Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

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Intro. Why do you think that a child's first and strongest impressions of what God is like come from their relationship with their parents?

How does Paul's instruction in 1 Corinthians 11:1 apply to parents?

Why is God as Father mentioned only 8 times in the Old Testament, but 253 times in the New Testament?

How do earthly fathers influence a child's understanding of their heavenly Father (Matthew 6:9)?

1A. Why is it important for each generation to speak highly of God's power to the next (Psalm 145:4)? Why should examples of God's power come from both the Bible and our time?

1B. What is the importance of both parents and children meditating on God's character and actions (Psalm 145:5)?

1C. How does parents worshipping God influence their children ((Psalm 145:7)?

1D. In what ways does making God our ultimate hero impact both children and others in our lives?

2A. How can parents show examples of God's grace and mercy to their children (Psalm 145:8a)?

2B. What are some ways that parents can show steadfast love ((Psalm 145:8b)?

2C. Why is it important for parents to be good in all their interactions with others (Psalm 145:9)?

2D. What does the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) tell us about God's character and how we can grow in it?

3A. How can God's actions in Psalm 145:14 be emulated by parents?

3B. What is the responsibility of parents to provide for their children (Psalm 145:15, 1 Timothy 5:8)?

3C. Why is it important to be there for your children when they call (Psalm 145:18)?

3D. In what ways can parents show that they help those in need beyond their own family?

3E. How has your view of God been shaped by your parents? How can you correct any wrong views of God that you have gotten in the past?