

Developing a Spiritual Vision for Your Child

I. A “spiritual vision” is:

II. The parents’ role in the process includes:

- A. Recognizing that a child is a gift from the Lord (Ps. 127:3)
- B. Training and teaching must take place from a Biblical worldview. (Deut. 6:7; 11:19)
- C. Follow Biblical guidelines as you disciple your child (Prov. 8:16)
- D. Help your child discover his gifts, talents and passions
- E. Help your child develop:
 - 1. a realistic view of himself
 - 2. a balanced life
- F. Set a Christ-like example through your own disciplines for your child (Eph. 5:15-17)
- G. Allow your child to change – this might mean letting go of who you think he is!

III. The salvation experience is not the finish line!

Homework:

1. Pray together and ask God to show you how to see your child the way He does.
2. Talk honestly with each other about what your hopes and dreams are. Ask these questions of each other:
 - Have I truly given my child to God so that I can accept His will, not mine?
 - How much of my vision is not God-centered, but relates to success, achievement, or prosperity?
 - How much of my vision relates to my own (fulfilled or unfulfilled) hopes and dreams for my own life?