

V. GIVE YOUR KIDS CELEBRATION

- A. Christian families should have fun together.

“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.” John 10:10

- B. Childhood should be an enjoyable time.

“Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, ...” Ecclesiastes 11:9a

VI. GIVE YOUR KIDS CHALLENGES

- A. Parents need to build trust with their child so they will learn to be faithful on their own.

“He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much....And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?”
Luke 16:10, 12

- B. A child should move from parent control to God control.

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6

VII. GIVE YOUR KIDS COMPANIONSHIP

- A. The key to effective Christian parenting is for the child to give their heart to their parents.

“My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.” Proverbs 23:26

- B. Rules without relationship equals rebellion.

“7 But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children.

8 So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.”
I Thessalonians 2:7-8

FAITHFUL Through The Seasons Of Life Faithful In Family Pastor Steve Reynolds

INTRODUCTION

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“Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.” I Corinthians 4:2

Faithful means to be full of faith!! And when you are faithful God will bless your life.

- B. In this message series, Pastor Steve will reveal how to be faithful through the seasons of life. He will draw from forty years of experience in leading our church. He will guide you through six important seasons that are common to all of us. This six part series features the following messages:

Aug 21	Faithful In Preparation
TODAY	Faithful In Family
Sep 4	Faithful In Obedience
Sep 11	Faithful In Sacrifice
Sep 18	Faithful In Health
Sep 25	Faithful In Revival

- C. Text: III John 4

BE FAITHFUL IN FAMILY

HOW TO BE FAITHFUL IN FAMILY

I. GIVE YOUR KIDS COMPASSION

“As a father pities his children, So the LORD pities those who fear Him.” Psalm 103:13

Children need compassion in three ways:

- A. Affection ~ children need to feel love so know their love language.
- B. Affirmation ~ children need to hear love so edify them.
- C. Attention ~ children need to see love so listen to them.

II. GIVE YOUR KIDS COUNSEL

- A. Parents are to give their child Biblical counsel at all times.

“5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

6 “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up”

Deuteronomy 6:5-7

- B. Children are to obey their parents.

“My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother;” Proverbs 1:8

III. GIVE YOUR KIDS CORRECTION

“Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of correction will drive it far from him.” Proverbs 22:15

Children need to be corrected in these ways:

- A. Correct your child obediently.

“Correct your son, and he will give you rest; Yes, he will give delight to your soul.” Proverbs 29:17

- B. Correct your child godly.

“For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights.” Proverbs 3:12

Parents are to correct their child like God corrects His children. There's a big difference between punishment & correction!

	<u>Punishment</u>	<u>Correction</u>
Purpose:	Pain	Growth
Attitude:	Anger	Love
Focus:	Past	Future

- C. Correct your child early.

“Chasten your son while there is hope, And do not set your heart on his destruction.” Proverbs 19:18

The earlier parents start correcting, the better it will be for their child and them.

- D. Correct your child lovingly.

“He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly.” Proverbs 13:24

The procedure for loving correction includes...

- ...companionship.
- ...communication.
- ...chastisement.
- ...comfort.

IV. GIVE YOUR KIDS CONFIDENCE

- A. Parents are not to discourage their child.

“Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.” Colossians 3:21

- B. Parents should catch their child doing something right and tell them.

“Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.” Ephesians 4:29

One of the biggest ways to destroy the confidence of your child is to be an unpleasable parent.