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## A Profile of Growth

*The plans of the heart belong to man, But the answer of the tongue is from the Lord.*

<sup>2</sup> *All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, But the Lord weighs the motives.*

<sup>3</sup> *Commit your works to the Lord And your plans will be established.*

**Proverbs 16:1-3**

The Eastside church of Christ had its beginning in a little store building on Mapleash Avenue on May 10, 1953. Approximately 50 people were present and the contribution was approximately \$150. This all started when a few members of the Riverside congregation (now North View) made the decision to go to Ninth Street and vicinity with the Gospel. Brethren Wayne Ball, Clarence Holman, J.C. Cheek, Howard Maxwell and Jimmy Wilson volunteered to go to do the work. God used the faith of the Riverside congregation, coupled with the work of these fine men and their families to bring about the South Gate Church of Christ. We stand now on the backs of many faithful Christians and their dedication to the Lord's work.

This is our history and it can be used to guide us to focus on our future. These men were not focused on the past, but were focused on the future and what our God can do when we step out in faith on His behalf. This Sunday as we celebrate our homecoming, we will look at what caused the growth of the Eastside congregation. In looking at what they did we can also consider how God can use our faithful obedience to His will to continue growth in His kingdom. If we will "commit our works to the Lord our plans will be established!" I look forward to seeing you Sunday.

John

## A Successful Family

Ephesians 6:4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Successful parents train their children to live according to Biblical directions. As they mature into adults they should be an example and a spokesman for God to the world around them. While this verse is directed to fathers, it applies to both parents. Four thoughts are found in this verse.

1. Do not embitter your children.  
We must be careful about controlling everything about our children. They must be allowed to become self-reliant and independent. Controlling their every move can likely cause embitterment and a desire to escape.
2. Foster a nurturing environment in your home.  
We are to bring them up. Provide for your children many opportunities to grow in the spiritual realm. Lead them and guide them closer to God.
3. Train your children to follow God's teachings.  
Train is the word discipline. We must discipline carefully and lovingly. The child must easily see that we have unconditional love for them and only want what is best for them. Love them unconditionally even when you do not like the way they act. Help them to become a better person.
4. Teach continually, not just in times of failure.  
Teaching is around the clock, not just when a mistake has been made. Set the proper example and show the way. Let them know why we do what we do. Help them make God honoring decisions in their lives.

Joe

