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Be Consistent

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

In years of educating teenagers I learned a number of lessons and one of them is that they need consistency. Notice, I said they need it not want it. They would love to do something different and not have class. They would love to have the rules change to fit their feelings of the moment. They would love to be able to put off a test or a lesson to the next day, but they need consistency. So do children within the home. Being as consistent as possible will help them have the stability needed to be confident, sure, and secure as they develop into adults. Here are few areas where parents need to be consistent.

1. Be consistent in your discipline. Children need to know there are consequences for their actions. If they are in trouble one day and not the next it will confuse them, and lead to a constant pushing of the line when it comes to behavior.

2. Be consistent in your faithfulness to the Lord. If your faithfulness is optional some time, then their faithfulness will be options all the time.

3. Be consistent in communicating your love for them. They need constant support, encouragement, affection, and care. Don't forget to tell them they are loved. Give them hugs (whether they want them or not), and let them know how important they are to you. Never let them wonder if they are important.

4. Be consistent in your expectations. Let them know your utmost desire is that God is well pleased with them. This goal is the most important thing in life not grades, sports, popularity, or their temporary happiness. Consistency in this will help them to develop a worldview based on God's expectations and not yours. Eventually they will leave the home along with your expectations. But if you can consistently develop within them a connection to God and His expectations, they will have guidance wherever they go.

John

Gifts From The Father

James 1:17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

As we enter this week of Thanksgiving, please consider the many precious gifts given to us by our Heavenly Father. James stated that "every good and perfect gift is from above." James seems to be saying some are good and some are far beyond that. When I think of perfect gifts a few things come to mind. The first is the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ. He was the perfect sacrifice to take away our sins to make us counted as righteous by God. I think of truth. God has given us the truth. It is perfect - nothing needs to be added or taken from it. God is love and he has taught us about love. I think of love as a perfect gift. All gifts from God are wonderful and we should thank him for them.

James refers to God as the Father of the heavenly lights. He is the Creator. All that is seen in the physical world around us was given to us by God. We can enjoy and find fascination in the nature provided for us. I consider the family as designed by God as a beautiful institution. How can we not think of his heavenly lights? The sun, moon and stars are amazing. Without these we would find ourselves in total darkness. We notice that these lights do change. The sun is constantly is a different position in the sky - our shadows do change hourly and daily. The moon has its cycle. One day it is a full moon and a few days later it cannot be seen. God does not change. His Son is still available; his truth can still be found and his love is there for us. Thank him for his gifts. He has been so good to us. May we ever praise his name.

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Mike Andrews
- Alice Bolton
- Roberta Bolton
- Ann Brady - Life Care, Rm. 226-B
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- Bill Carroll
- Mary Chumbley - Life Care, Rm. 113A
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman-treatments
- JoAnn Coleman
- Athaleen Cox-Life Care, Rm. 143B
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- Tal Gray
- Billy Ray Hardison
- Nell Hood
- Clayton & Myrna Jett
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Helen Lusk - treatments
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A
- Melba Pollard
- Gene Porter
- Jimmy Quirk - chemo
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, Rm. 6
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- Donald White
- Elaine Whitehead

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

- Great grandson of Myrna & Clayton Jett**, born early, weighing 2 lb in Kentucky Hospital
- Bill Harris** - NHC room 2400
- Tracy Bolton**, cousin of Brian Stone
- Jocinda Martin** - friend of Lisa & Jason Kelley
- Patricia Vaughn** - aunt of Lisa Kelley
- Rick Heavner** - friend of the Britt's
- Joyce Crowe** - Debbie Massey's mother
- Johnny Andrews** - friend of Kim Fitzgerald
- Georgia Cook** - mother of Jennifer McNeese
- George Ervin** - Angie Massey's dad
- Wanda Nix** - sister of Debbie Massey
- Helen Deen** - mother of Sharon Davis
- Linda Collier** - sister-in-law of Linda Mabry
- Stacey Brown**-niece of Cindy Hargrove-double lung transplant
- Jean Posey** - sister of Jean Sims

WORSHIP LEADERS NOVEMBER 26, 2017

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

- Welcome.....Jim Pollard
- Song Leader:Greg Lusk
- Prayer:.....Greg Gray
- Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Tommy Hight
 - Jacob Pollard Jerry Thornton
 - Blair Keeling Benny Bolton
 - John Massey Barrow Brown
 - Trent Thomason Blake Daniels
- Read: 2 Corinthians 8:1-7.....Mike Lyle
- Sermon: The Grace of Giving.....Joe Macer
- Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jim Pollard

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

- Welcome/Song Leader.....Ryan Grice
- Prayer.....Byran Farris
- Read: Ephesians 4:29-32.....Lenny Davis
- Sermon: Becoming More Gracious.....John Thomas
- Presiding.....Max Ballard
- Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Alex Jones

Ushers: Sonny Hargrove, Chris Mobley, Bobby Daniels
 Greeters: Linda Rochelle, Tommy & Jadonna Hight, Shaun Townsend
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NURSERY CARE

- A.M.....Dana and Jessica Daniels
- P.M.....Reba Jones

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 6:30 P.M.

- Song Leader:Sam Quirk
- Prayer:.....Barry Cross
- Announcements/Speaker:.....Trent Hill