

## RELATING TO OUR ADULT CHILDREN AND INVESTING IN OUR GRANDCHILDREN

Introduction –

How many have children over 20 years old? Under 20 ? How many have grandchildren?

DISCLAIMERS....

- Goes without saying that I have not experienced everything and don't have all the answers
- My wife and I have made plenty of mistakes raising our children
- How our children are doing right now has a lot more to do with God's grace than our parenting
- Every child and person is different so there is no magic formula. I will lay out some principles and ideas that you can check out with God's Word and figure out how to put it into practice in your own family.

- Asked our adult children what they thought was key to us having a good relationship with them now?
- Their response was.....Our walk with God.

They used the words...integrity and congruency.

- Basically that our relationship with God was not theoretical or theological but Authentic
- Definition of Authentic- When the difference between how I talk and how I actually live is too small to measure.
- Scriptures on this topic of Authenticity...
- Christ has set the example for us and we ought to set the example for our children.
- How many elders in your church? In your home?
- I Peter 5:2,3
- I Cor. 4: 15
- Deut. 32:7
- POEM.....A BOY TO HIS DAD

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- Our lives should be authentic.....
- Friends....kids to movie TITANIC
- Other friends who say.... we DVR it and watch after the kids are sleeping
- Deut. 7:26....
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- Our kids knew that if they could not watch something or do something that their Mom and I would not be watching it either. We did not have a double standard.
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- According to our kids then (and I believe the Scriptures support this) the first thing we should focus on in relating to our children at whatever age is our own personal walk with God...living authentically in day to day lives.
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- If you have messed up here...and all of us have, confess it to God and to your children and start fresh to live authentically.
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- RELATING in the dictionary.....to connect two things.....Parent and Child
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- Cover the 4 Scenarios.....

Proverbs 25:12 Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reprovee to a listening ear.

How do we create or mold our children to have a LISTENING EAR ?

First...ways to destroy a listening ear... Proverbs 18:2 ...

How to promote a listening ear and good communication .....

What to do when adult children make, or are about to make, what we see as poor decisions .

Is your home a refuge? A safe place ? Proverbs 18: 10

or is it more like a PRISON

PSYCHOLOGY CLINIC

BOOT CAMP

REMEMBER....we are God's adult children. How does He relate to us ? He should be our example !!

### INVESTING IN OUR GRANDCHILDREN

Obviously the same principles of RELATING apply

Créative ideas :