

You Asked for It:
How Not to Screw Up Your Kids, Part 2

Last week we said that your character is more important than your technique as a parent, but what is character?

- Character is how you _____ act in any situation.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,²³ gentleness and self-control.
Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)

A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.
Matthew 12:35 (NIV)

THREE AREAS WHERE KIDS NEED TO SEE GOOD CHARACTER IN US....

1. _____

*Better to be poor and honest
than to be dishonest and rich.*
Proverbs 28:6 (NLT)

Loyalty makes a person attractive.
It is better to be poor than dishonest.
Proverbs 19:22 (NLT)

...speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church... So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body... If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need. ²⁹ Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.
Ephesians 4:15, 25, 28-29 (NLT)

<i>No legacy is so rich as honesty. – William Shakespeare</i>

2. _____.

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

Ephesians 5:3 (NIV)

- No _____.
- Single Parents – No _____.
- Use your _____ as a _____ tool.

3. _____.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:5-9 (NIV)

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)