



Raising Virtuous Children

How Can I Shape Their Character?

Small Group Questions

1. Reflect on Tripp's definition of character: "Living consistently with who God is and who I am." What does this mean to you?
2. Share some of the idols of the heart you see in your children? Yourself?
3. How can we help our children realign their worship?
4. What are some ways you can turn discipline conversations into character lessons?

Today's Verses

Exodus 20:3

You shall have no other Gods before me.

Deuteronomy 11:16:

Be careful, or you will be enticed to turn away and worship other gods and bow down to them

Romans 1:25

They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

Romans 1:28-32

Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

Romans 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper **worship**. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

2 Corinthians 5:15

And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.