

Covenant

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(Proverbs 24:3) It takes wisdom to have a good family, and it takes understanding to make it strong.

(Luke 2:52) Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Covenant Family Essentials

1. Wisdom.

- ✓ Teach them to connect with God.

(Philippians 4:6) Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

- ✓ Teach them the authority and benefit of scripture.

(2 Timothy 3:16) All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

- ✓ Guard their minds.

(Psalm 101:3) I will not set before my eyes (their) anything that is vile. I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me.

2. Stature.

- ✓ Teach them responsibility.

(Luke 16:10) "If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities."

- ✓ Teach them the importance of self-control.

(Proverbs 25:28) A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls.

- ✓ Choose their relationships carefully.

(Proverbs 13:20) He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.

(1 Corinthians 15:33) Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

3. Favor with man.

- ✓ Teach them to honor.

(Ephesians 6:2-3) "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—"that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

- ✓ Teach them the importance of character.

(1 Timothy 4:16 MSG) Keep a firm grasp on both your character and your teaching. Don't be diverted. Just keep at it. Both you and those who hear you will experience salvation.

- ✓ Teach them to serve others.

(2 Chronicles 16:9) For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.

4. Favor with God.

- ✓ Show them my love for God.

(Proverbs 14:26 LB) Reverence for the Lord gives a man deep strength; his children have a place of refuge and security.

(1 Corinthians 11:1 NKJV) Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

- ✓ Show them that Jesus is Lord of our home.

(Joshua 24:15) Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

- ✓ Show them how to be like Jesus in every situation.

(Colossians 3:13) Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

(Psalm 127:3-5) Children are a gift from the Lord. They are a reward from him. Children who are born to people when they are young are like arrows in the hands of a soldier. Blessed are those who have many children.

The job of the church is to support parents, love children, and fill voids.