

Inspiration Inspiration



from the Pastor's Pen

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It's that time of the year again: Back to School

We must pray for our children. Then we must pray again for our children. When we are finished, we must still pray for our children. Prayer is important-It brings us CLOSER to God.

We pray for many reasons. We seek to find God's will for our lives. We pray for God to bless dinner, we pray for God to bless our family and friends, we thank God for our health...so many things we pray for. The closer our relationship with God, the more concerned we will be with our kids' relationship with God. The more concerned we are about our kids' relationship with God, the more we will do to see that they are in a position to be in a closer relationship with God.

Praying for our kids is vital to their spiritual development. They aren't just going to stumble into a relationship with God on their own by chance. It is important to let our kids know that we pray for them. It will show the depth of love we have for them. It will show them that we really care for them.

When I was in school, my mother used to gather us (sisters and brother) for prayer. Not only did she pray for us, she required all of us to pray aloud. Praying aloud just wasn't cool as far as I was concerned. When you're a teenager, it just "ain't" cool to pray aloud, and I was too cool at the time. Now that I look back on that experience I am glad my mother prayed for me and also taught me how to pray.

When I look back on my "early" teenage years, it was a very hard time. It wasn't as bad as it could have been though. I believe that the prayers of my mother saved me from making some bad decisions. Today's kids grow up in a high pressure world. All kinds of forces are vying for their hearts and souls. Just scan the TV channels that target our children and you'll find all the proof you need. That is why we should also encourage our children to look to the Word of God. They may not grasp all of the concepts, but they can understand the basics. They can also realize that the Bible is a source for their lives. Teach them the habit of Bible reading.

Your children may think it is not "cool" to hear you pray aloud for them or for them to read the Word of God, but I guarantee you that they will appreciate it later and even thank you.

Faithfully and Prayerfully,
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