

Growing Great Kids

- **Begin with the end in mind**
- **Provide training in:**
 - **Truth**
 - **Character**
 - **Competency**

The Stages of Successful Parenting

1. Early Years - Primary role - the teacher

(Truth) *So the words of the LORD will be, "A command here, a command there. A rule here, a rule there. A little lesson here, a little lesson there."* Isaiah 28:13 NCV

(Character) *Discipline your children while there is hope. If you don't, you will ruin their lives.* Proverbs 19:18 NLT

(Competency) *Teach your children to choose the right path, and when they are older, they will remain upon it.* Proverbs 22:6 NLT

- **Primary Goal - obedience**

2. Middle Years - Primary role - the mentor

(Trust) *Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will direct your paths.* Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT

(Character) *My child, don't ignore it when the LORD disciplines you, and don't be discouraged when he corrects you. For the LORD corrects those he loves, just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights.* Proverbs 3:11-12 NLT

(Competency) *Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper and be satisfied.* Proverbs 13:4 NLT

- **Mentor them by experiences and examples**
- **Primary Goal - wisdom**

3. Adult Years - Primary role - cheerleader

Grandchildren are the crowning glory of the aged; parents are the pride of their children. Proverbs 17:6 NLT

You will be able to tell wonderful stories to your children and grandchildren about the marvelous things I am doing... to prove that I am the LORD. Exodus 10:2 NLT

- **Mentor by history and relationship**
- **Primary Goal - support and encouragement**