



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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Promises to Make to Your Child

There are some very interesting promises that God, as our heavenly Father, has made to each of us. And since He has made such promises to us, we as parents ought to use them as an example of the promises we should make to our children all through their lives.

I promise to be there for you. God promised Jacob to always be with him (**Genesis 28:15**). That promise continues to all Christians today (**Matthew 28:20**). We should promise to always give our children the emotional support they need.

I promise to comfort you when you need it. God has promised comfort to His children (**2 Corinthians 1:3-4**). We should always be available when our children need a shoulder to cry on, an arm to lean on, or a heart to tug on.

I promise to love you unconditionally. God loved us even while we were still sinners (**Romans 5:8**). Our children must always know that we love them regardless of what happens in their life.

I promise to listen to you. One of the great things about God is that He is always willing for us to talk to Him (**Psalms 34:15**). We should be no less as a parent. We should always want to hear what our children have to say. Their words and opinions must be important to us.

I promise to forgive you. When God makes such a promise, He not only forgives the sin, He remembers it no more (**Jeremiah 31:34**). Our children need to know that when they come admitting their mistakes, we will always be there with open hearts and arms to forgive anything and everything.

Make and keep these promises to your children and you will always have a godly home.

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A Parent's Example is Important

When I was young, there was a cigarette commercial in which a father was sitting by a tree with his child. He lit a cigarette then set the cigarette package down on the ground. Immediately the small child picked up the package. The lesson was impressive. Little children are watching their parents. Not only are they watching, but they mimic the actions of their parents.

Parents are given to children by God (**Ps. 127:3**). He expects parents to train their children in the best manner they can (**Eph. 6:4**). He knows their example is of vital importance. Parents, you need to be what you want your children to become.

Do you want them to be honest? Then you be honest.

Do you want them to be clean in their speech? Then don't cuss.

Do you want them to be calm? Then cease your outbursts of anger.

Do you want them to be sober? Then quit doing alcohol and drugs.

Do you want them to be worshippers of God? Then attend services.

Do you want them to trust in prayer? Then pray in front of them.

Do you want them to have a strong home? Then make yours strong.

Do you want them to care for others? Then be compassionate.

Do you want them to be moral? Then live a virtuous life.

Do you want them to love God? Then keep God's commands.

Do you want them to love their spouse? Then show them how.

Do you want them to work hard? Then don't be lazy.

Do you want them to be responsible? Then quit blaming others.

Do you want them to be positive? Then don't murmur and complain.

Do you want them to go to heaven? Then show them the way.

Your children will become what you are. Think about that! Are you pleased with who you are today? Are you what you want your children to become? If not, perhaps you need to make some big changes in your life.

There is a phrase found in the Bible that speaks to this subject. The phrase reads: "*He walked in the ways of...*" The "*he*" is the child. He walked in the ways of his father. Sometimes the end result was good because the father was good (**2 Chron. 34:2**). At other times the end result was awful because the father was awful (**2 Chron. 28:2**).

If you children walk in your ways, what will be the end result? Will it be good? or, will it be awful? If you are honest you know the real answer.

Parents set the proper example for your children. They will walk in your ways.

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