



23 GREAT ACTIONS FOR **Purposeful Parenting**

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1. Make sure the number of positive interactions you have with your kids greatly outnumber the negative interactions.

2. Decide to act in a loving manner even when you don't feel like it. Show your children that you love them with your words, tone, and actions.

3. Make sure you spend the majority of your time teaching and demonstrating how to do things right rather than disciplining your kids for what they do wrong.

4. Spend time listening to your kids, trying to discover the unique needs and gifts of each, and commit to bringing out the best in them.

5. Spend time noticing, appreciating and acknowledging your children's efforts.

6. Make sure that you are a good role model for your kids to follow, with clearly stated and adhered to moral values.

7. Be very consistent about enforcing the rules you expect your kids to follow.

8. Use discipline as a tool for teaching, making sure it remains reasonable, respectful and related to your child's offense.

9. Teach your children how to solve problems don't punish them for having problems they don't know how to solve.

10. Give your children age appropriate responsibilities.

11. Recognize that you play a powerful role in influencing your children throughout childhood and adolescence.

12. Acknowledge your child's feelings recognizing that theirs may be different from yours.

13. Bring God into your child's everyday world expressing thankfulness and God's relevancy in your everyday decision making.

14. Require your children to correct their social mistakes rather than just apologize.

15. Talk to your children about saving, spending and donating money.

16. Choose to be interested in the things your children are interested in.

17. Pray with and for your children.

18. Talk about and demonstrate good character.

19. Utilize natural and logical consequences, recognizing that consequences are more powerful than words. This teaches your kids that in this world there are consequences for the decisions we make.

20. Notice and give your kids positive reinforcement and attention when they are getting along with their siblings, rather than just stepping in when your kids fight.

21. Negotiate the fine balance between supervising your kids and stifling them.

22. Teach your children not be afraid of adversity for it is a part of life, and that God uses it to strengthen our character, and make us more compassionate people.

23. Remind your kids that God profoundly loves them.