

# BIBLICAL PARENTING 101



Week 10: Evangelizing Your Children (Part 2)

## DO'S of Evangelism

- **Set a Godly Example**
- **Pray for Their Salvation at All Times**
- **Communicate the Whole Gospel**  
(See PDF – “The Gospel for Children”  
on website)



Be clear and thorough. Parents need to create an environment that makes it natural to teach their children the moral commands of God, teach them the gospel of divine grace, show them their need for a Savior, and point them to Jesus Christ as the only One who can save them. It is best to start from the beginning – God, creation, the fall, sin, salvation, and Christ in His life, death, and resurrection.

Use diagnostic questions:

“Are you sure you would go to heaven if you died today?”

“What would you say to God, if he said, ‘Why should I let you into my heaven?’”

“What has God done to change your life?”

“Who is Jesus to you?”

# DO'S of Evangelism

- **Look for Evidence of Salvation**

## Questions to ask Children to Assess their Profession of Faith

1. Who is Jesus to you personally? Do you love Jesus? If so, why?
2. Do you read your Bible regularly?
3. What do you enjoy most about reading your Bible?
4. Do you desire to obey God's Word?  
In what ways have you done so? (Modified from Dennis Gunderson, *Your Child's Profession of Faith*)
5. Do you pray regularly?
6. What do you pray for when you pray?
7. What are your strongest temptations?
8. Do you desire to flee sin and temptation?
9. Do you confess your sins to God and ask forgiveness?
10. What do you like most about church?
11. If you were not raised in a Christian home,
12. what would you miss most about it?
13. What do you want to do with your life to serve the Lord?
14. If a friend asked you how to become a Christian what would you say?
15. Which of your friends are Christians? (You can learn who they regard as a Christian and why they think that)
16. Are there times when you feel close to the Lord?

— DENNIS GUNDERSEN —

## Your Child's Profession of Faith



# DO'S of Evangelism

- **Encourage Signs of Conversion** (don't assume they could not be saved)

What fruit should we expect from a child believer?

1. Are they able to articulate the gospel with ease and a ready passion for the truth of it?
2. Are they trusting in Jesus alone for the forgiveness of their sins?
3. Do they have an evident love for Jesus?
4. Do they acknowledged their sins and repudiate them (repented of them)?
5. Do they evidence a desire to know and obey God's Word?
6. Have they resisted temptation successfully?
7. Have they made wise spiritual decisions on their own?



## DO'S of Evangelism

- **Be Patient and Consistent**

This is an ongoing pursuit not a one-time task. Do not fixate on children making a profession of faith at a young age. Timothy most likely became convinced of the things he was taught at much later age (2 Tim. 3:14-15). Knowing whether a child is genuinely saved will take time as the fruit may not be present. Remember faith and repentance are not one-time events that take place in a dramatic and emotional moment. They are lifelong pursuits of the person who loves Christ and seeks to live for his glory. Allow the Holy Spirit to bring conviction and awareness of their need. Remember:

*Childhood is a period of seed planting not fruit bearing.  
It is a time of preparation not completion.*

Proverbs 22:6 indicates that when a child gets older, this becomes the test of whether they grasped what was taught when they were younger. Our culture tends to treat children as if on par with adults when it comes to maturity. The expectations are set too high

- **Entrust them to God's Sovereignty**