

Who's **KIDDING** Who?

Being the Parent God Intended

Enjoying the Roller Coaster Ride with Your Kids

Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from him. - Psalms 127:3 (NLT)

TIMELESS PARENTING PRINCIPLES TO ENJOY THE RIDE

One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could touch and bless them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him. When Jesus saw what was happening, he was angry with his disciples. He said to them, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it." Then he took the children in his arms and placed his hands on their heads and blessed them. - Mark 10:13-16 (NLT)

1. Give LOVING TOUCHES

One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could touch and bless them... Mark 10:13

Wherever he went -- in villages, cities, or the countryside -- they brought the sick out to the marketplaces. They begged him to let the sick touch at least the fringe of his robe, and all who touched him were healed. - Mark 6:56 (NLT)

2. Devote VALUABLE TIME

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Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. - 1 John 3:18 (NLT)

How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog-it's here a little while, then it's gone. - James 4:14 (NLT)

3. Create a PEACEFUL HOME

Then he took the children in his arms and placed his hands on their heads and blessed them. - Mark 10:16

Salt is good for seasoning. But if it loses its flavor, how do you make it salty again? You must have the qualities of salt among yourselves and live in peace with each other." - Mark 9:50 (NLT)

"I am leaving you with a gift-peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid. - John 14:27 (NLT)

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy." - Matthew 3:17 (NLT)

Reflect:

- Did my parents excel in giving these 3 things?
- What area can I improve on most?
- Memorize Psalms 127:3