



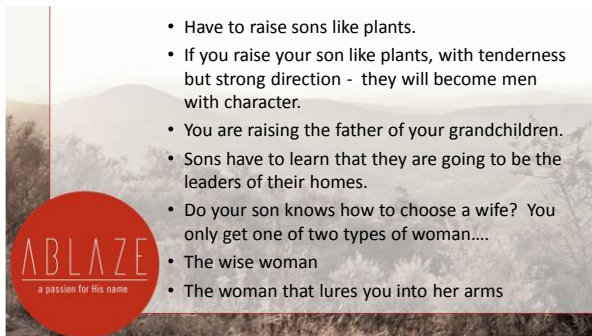
Christian parenting
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We are called for the next generation:
(when the enemy comes in like a flood...)

Ps. 144:12

May our sons flourish in their youth like well-nurtured plants.
May our daughters be like graceful pillars, carved to beautify a palace.



- Have to raise sons like plants.
- If you raise your son like plants, with tenderness but strong direction - they will become men with character.
- You are raising the father of your grandchildren.
- Sons have to learn that they are going to be the leaders of their homes.
- Do your son know how to choose a wife? You only get one of two types of woman....
- The wise woman
- The woman that lures you into her arms



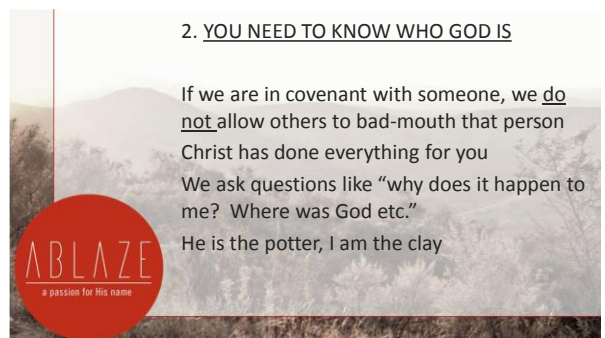
1. Daughters like pillars.
2. Older women should teach the younger women. (Titus 2)
3. What will happen if the older women talk to your daughter about the way she dresses? (carved to beautify a palace)



1. God gives favour

When we raise children for the next generation, a generation that will stand for Christ, we have to know where favour comes from:

2 Sam 9:1 – cripple boy



2. YOU NEED TO KNOW WHO GOD IS

If we are in covenant with someone, we do not allow others to bad-mouth that person
Christ has done everything for you
We ask questions like “why does it happen to me? Where was God etc.”
He is the potter, I am the clay

3. Our speech needs to be blameless

In a family, we cannot say what we want. You have signed the luxury off to free-speech.

Proverbs 18:21 – life and death in the tongue

Proverbs 5 - mouth

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proverbs 13:3

Those who control their tongue will have a long life, opening your mouth can ruin everything.

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1. Teach your children to listen to her parents: with no back-chatting. (Submit & obey)
2. Let your 'yes be yes'
3. Do not twist the truth. That is lying (tramp/pocket money)
4. Firm (50 %) and loving (50 %) – self-control, responsible, solid identity

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Speak respectfully:

- even if you differ and
- even if you cannot agree on a matter.
- Mother & Father - speak to each other as the bride and bridegroom of Christ

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4. Live a life of forgiveness

- Forgiveness influences your family life
- God forgives our sins in balance to how we forgive
- You have to forgive your family's members trespasses against you
- We drag people with you if you don't forgive
- Forgive yourself
- Forgiveness is daily

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5. Money matters

- Teach your kids regarding money. Teenagers: money and sex.
- Our daughter – needs to learn how to run a household. When she is in 16, I plan on sitting with her with our household budget (menu planning, make the grocery list – according to the budget)

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- Tithe where you are planted in your congregation.
- Don't lie about your money
- Women – tell the truth re cost of items you buy

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6. Everybody has a responsibility

- moms, you don't do your children's projects for them.
- You don't wake them over and over for exams (13) - responsibility. If he cannot wake up in time, buy him an alarm for his birthday.

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- Parents need to teach their children that every decision has a consequence.
- We are the imitators of Christ
- He is our Father and He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. Imitate His faithfulness

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Col. 3:12

since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tender-hearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

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2 Kings 5:1-4

¹The king of Aram had great admiration for Naaman, the commander of his army, because through him the LORD had given Aram great victories. But though Naaman was a mighty warrior, he suffered from leprosy.

²At this time Aramean raiders had invaded the land of Israel, and among their captives was a young girl who had been given to Naaman's wife as a maid. ³One day the girl said to her mistress,

"I wish my master would go to see the prophet in Samaria. He would heal him of his leprosy."

⁴So Naaman told the king what the young girl from Israel had said.

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This girl's parents invested in her, taught her how to:

- Honour people in authority (Hebr. 13)
- Kingdom focussed
- Storms of life
- Understand the effect of God in our lives
- Look out for the needs of others and serving them – regardless the situation

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