

10. Children are a priority for the church now and in the future.

(Proverbs 22:6) “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

We must take time now to teach and ground the children in The Word of God.

(II Timothy 3:16-17) “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

If we do so, they will be thoroughly furnished unto “Good Works!”

9. Everyone can / will make a spiritual difference in a child’s life.

Are they learning respect, responsibilities, reverence of and toward God, self and others? Are we teaching them by our actions to pray daily, read God’s Holy Word daily, serve others daily? All of these are taught to abide by, or disregard through our own actions. They watch everything we do, and do not do.

8. Each child deserves to be cherished in the Lord.

While we ever so often concern ourselves with “Temporal things of the earth” things that will one day burn up and go away; Jesus tells us just how He feels about children.

(Matthew 18:1-5) “At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.”

7. All children are special in the eyes of the Lord.

We should rejoice when we receive a child from the Lord! Hannah begged God for a child and offered him to serve God all of her child’s life!

(Psalm 127:3-5) “Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.”

6. There is no excuse for putting a stumbling block in the way of a child.

(Luke 18:15-17) “And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.”

5. Children spiritually thrive when spirit-led adults care.

We must be a loving caring adult that will take time to help a child gain a sense of “Belonging” by providing them a safe place to go, “The Church House!”

We must be a loving caring adult that will take the time to help a child “Believe” in Jesus Christ. By sharing the gospel with children, we are giving them the opportunity to place their faith in Jesus at an early age so that they will not suffer as greatly as many of us have in our lives.

We must be a loving caring adult that will help a child to “Become” more like Jesus! By equipping them now. We help them to become the “Resilient” leaders of the church of 2050.

4. Protecting children is everyone’s job.

So many children are wounded by our actions and deeds. Child pornography is at an all times high, Sex trafficking is too! But what about our own words, are they not destructive too? We must protect the innocence of our children. Again, we see the admonition from Jesus to protect the children at all cost.

(Matthew 18:6) “But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.”

3. It is better to build strong spiritual children than to repair spiritually broken adults.

Again I tell you, we must ground children in the Word of God so that when they are confronted by choices in their lives to choose to sin or not sin, they will be better equipped to fight off temptations. If we do not do so now, when their hearts are young and tender, all will suffer from their choices when they are old. Self, family, society suffers when we do not minister to children as we should.

2. Children are a valued and precious asset.

I would say this is true in many homes, but all homes do not value the children that are in their homes. All children are not looked at as “Precious” we know this because we hear how adults describe their childhoods! Hurtful words like Stupid, Selfish, “Never amount to anything!” These harmful words from our mouths are life altering! We must not use them.

They are precious in His sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world!

1. Because many can't stand up for themselves, God's people need to stand for them.

(Psalm 139:13-14) "For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well."

We, must help the children now!

We must help them to not be scared in our world today.

We must help them in their weakness.

We must help them to gain the strength in their faith that they will need to walk through this world each day!

From the book "Resilient" Children discipleship and the fearless future of the church.

"Are we captivated by a child discipleship model, where "Belonging" (highly relational discipleship) invites kids to "Believe" in Jesus and "Become" more like him.

My question to you and me is: If not, why not? We must make "Resilient Disciples" that will stand firm and lead the church of 2050.

A recent study showed on a scale of 1-5 that this work is 4.78 in importance, but our honest evaluation of how we are doing in achieving this work is a 3.48! We are missing the mark folks! We cannot simply keep looking to the left and to the right and ask "What are you waiting for, can't you see what needs to be done?"

What would you be willing to let go of in order to pursue lifelong discipleship in God's Word for the children that we serve?

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兒童是教會現在和未來的首要任務

(箴言 22:6) 教養孩童，使他走當行的道，就是到老他也不偏離。

我們現在就必須花時間教導孩子們，讓他們紮根在神的話語中。

(提摩太後書 3:16-17) 聖經都是神所默示的，於教訓、督責、使人歸正、教導人學義都是有益的，叫屬神的人得以完全，預備行各樣的善事。

如果我們這樣做，他們就會完全地為他們做好準備做神的善作。

9. Everyone can / will make a spiritual difference in a child's life.

每個人都可以或將會為兒童的屬靈生命帶來影響。

他們是否在學習尊重、負責任和尊敬神、自己和別人？我們有否透過行動來教導他們每天禱告、讀神的話語、服事別人？所有這些事情都是透過我們的行為來學習的，在乎我們是遵行或是忽略。他們觀察我們，不論我們有沒有做這一切的事情。

8. Each child deserves to be cherished in the Lord.

每個孩子都值得在主裡被珍惜。

我們經常關心「地上短暫的事物」，雖然有一天它們都會被燒毀並消失；耶穌告訴我們祂對孩子的感受。

(馬太福音 18:1-5) 當時，門徒進前來，問耶穌說：「天國裡誰是最大的？」耶穌便叫一個小孩子來，使他站在他們當中，說：「我實在告訴你們，你們若不回轉，變成小孩子的樣式，斷不得進天國。所以，凡自己謙卑像這小孩子的，他在天國裡就是最大的。凡為我的名接待一個像這小孩子的，就是接待我。」

7. All children are special in the eyes of the Lord.

所有的孩子在主的眼中都是特別的。

當我們從主那裡得到一個孩子時，我們應該感到高興！哈拿祈求神賜給她一個孩子，並讓他一生事奉神！

(詩篇 127:3-5) 兒女是耶和華所賜的產業；所懷的胎是他所給的賞賜。少年時所生的兒女好像勇士手中的箭。箭袋充滿的人便為有福；他們在城門口和仇敵說話的時候，必不至於羞愧。

6. **There is no excuse for putting a stumbling block in the way of a child.**
沒有任何理由為孩子放置絆腳石。

(路加福音 18:15-17) 有人抱著自己的嬰孩來見耶穌，要他摸他們；門徒看見就責備那些人。耶穌卻叫他們來，說：「讓小孩子到我這裡來，不要禁止他們；因為在神國的正是這樣的人。我實在告訴你們，凡要承受神國的，若不像小孩子，斷不能進去。」

5. **Children spiritually thrive when spirit led adults care.**
當被聖靈引導的大人的關心時，孩子的屬靈生命就會茁壯成長。

我們必須是一個有愛心的大人，花時間幫助孩子獲得「歸屬感」，為他們提供一個安全的去處，就是「教會」！

我們必須是一個有愛心的大人，願意花時間幫助孩子「相信」耶穌基督。透過與孩子分享福音，我們讓他們有機會在很小的時候就相信耶穌，這樣他們就不會像我們許多人一樣在生活中遭受巨大的痛苦。

我們必須成為一個有愛心的大人，幫助孩子「變得」更像耶穌！現在就裝備他們。我們幫助他們成為 2050 年教會的「堅韌」領袖。

4. **Protecting children is everyone's job.**
保護兒童是每個人的工作。

很多孩子因我們的行為而受到傷害。兒童色情的製品正在泛濫，人口販賣也是如此！但我們的言語豈不是也帶來破壞嗎？我們必須保護孩子的純真。我們再次看到耶穌的告誡，要不惜一切代價保護孩子。

(馬太福音 18:6) 「凡使這信我的一個小子跌倒的，倒不如把大磨石拴在這人的頸項上，沉在深海裡。」

3. **It is better to build strong spiritual children than to repair spiritually broken adults.**
培養有堅固屬靈生命的孩子比修復靈命破碎的大人更好。

我再次告訴你們，我們必須讓孩子們以神的話語為基礎。這樣當他們在生活中面臨犯罪或不犯罪的選擇時，他們就更能抵抗試探。如果我們不趁他們還年輕、心還柔軟時這樣做，到他們成長後便會因個人的選擇而受苦。當我們沒有按照應有的方式教養兒童時，他們自己、家庭和社會都會受到損害。

2. **Children are a valued and precious asset.**
兒童是寶貴的產業。

我想這句話能夠代表許多家庭。但不是所有家庭都重視家裡的孩子。並不是所有的孩子都被視為「寶貴的」。我們知道這一點是因為我們聽到一些成年人如何描述他們的童年！他們聽到「愚蠢」、「自私」、「一事無成！」等傷害的話。這些從我們口中說出有害的話能改變生命！我們必須要避免說。

他們在主的眼中是寶貴的。耶穌愛世上的小孩！

1. Because many can't stand up for themselves, Gods people need to stand for them.

因為許多人無法為自己挺身而出，神的子民需要為他們挺身而出。

(詩篇 139:13-14) 我的肺腑是你所造的；我在母腹中，你已覆庇我。我要稱謝你，因我受造，奇妙可畏；你的作為奇妙，這是我心深知道的。

我們必須現在就幫助孩子！

我們必須幫助他們在現今的世界中不感到害怕。

我們必須幫助他們的弱點。

我們必須幫助他們堅固信心，使他們每天有力量在這個世界上行走！

摘自《堅韌》一書：兒童的門徒訓練和教會無畏的未來。

「我們是否被兒童門徒訓練模式所吸引，憑著「歸屬感」(著重關係的門徒訓練)邀請孩子「相信」耶穌並「變得」更像祂。

我對你我的問題是：如果不，為什麼不呢？我們必須培養「堅韌的門徒」，堅定地領導 2050 年的教會。

最近的一項研究顯示，按照 1-5 的分數，人們認為工作的重要性是 4.78，但人們對於自己努力的程序的誠實評估是 3.48！我們都沒有達到那個理想！我們不能只是左顧右盼並問道：「你還在等什麼，難道你看不到需要做什麼嗎？」

為了服事孩子，終生培養他們成為神話語的門徒，你願意放棄什麼？