

CHAPTER 3: Home Nurture: Shepherding Your Child's Spirit to Long for God



What is the first and perhaps most essential step to building a Christian home? Explain.

In the section called "The Grace of Nurture," what is the ultimate result of nurturing your children?

Name 3 good ways to nurture your children.





*D*oes nurture--the opportunity to nurture your children--need to be spontaneous or planned? Why?

*W*hat are the 3 relational forms of nurture through which the LifeGIFTS can be given to your children? Name each form in the space given, and give a brief description and goal for each.

1. _____:

Description: _____

Goal:

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2. _____:

Description: _____

Goal: _____

3. _____:

Description: _____

Goal: _____

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hat does the acronym GIFTS stand for in LifeGIFTS?

G _____
I _____
F _____
T _____
S _____





What is the gift of grace?

The quality of graciousness (being a gracious giver) will make those who come in contact with you or your children feel _____ and _____. It removes _____ and builds _____. It affirms the _____ and _____ of another person. It opens the channel by which the _____ can flow into a darkened world through your children.

Read the "Training," "Instruction," and "Modeling" information on the page about grace. (Page 49 in the version of the book we're using.) Are you already doing any of these things with your children? If not, what can you begin doing?





What is the gift of inspiration?

The gift of inspiration prepares your children to live with _____ in a fallen world. It enables your children to see themselves as part of _____ for the world. It gives them the sense that they have a _____ to share, a _____ to carry on, and a _____.

Read the "Training," "Instruction," and "Modeling" information on the page about inspiration. (Page 50 in the version of the book that we're using.) Are you already doing any of these things with your children? If not, what can you begin doing?



What is the gift of faith?



The gift of faith prepares your children to bring the truth and wisdom of _____ to bear on all areas of their lives. Grace and inspiration are about _____, training and service are about _____, and faith is about the _____. When you strengthen your children's faith, you give them confidence that both God's _____ and his _____ are worth believing in. You give them the ability to _____ and _____ the voice of God in the _____ and to see and believe the hand of God in _____.

Read the "Training," "Instruction," and "Modeling" information on the page about faith. (Page 51 in the version of the book we're using.) Are you already doing any of these things with your children? If not, what can you begin doing?





What is the gift of training?

The gift of training prepares your children to live godly lives. You are putting into their hearts the _____ that, through the Spirit, will teach them and enable them to say no to " _____ " and instead choose to live _____ by the grace of God. You are giving them the ability to be _____ or _____ in their Christian walk, not needing others to rule over them in order to do what they know is right.

Read the "Training," "Instruction," and "Modeling" information on the page about training. (Page 52 in the version of the book we're using.) Are you already doing any of these things with your children? If not, what can you begin doing?



What is the gift of service?



The gift of service prepares your children to consider it natural to always look for ways they can be involved in _____
_____ for Christ's sake. It is giving your children eyes _____
_____, hands willing to _____
_____, and hearts willing to _____,
_____ and _____ in the name of Christ.

Read the "Training," "Instruction," and "Modeling" information on the page about service. (Page 53 in the version of the book we're using.) Are you already doing any of these things with your children? If not, what can you begin doing?





If we are preparing our children to become the Christian leaders of the next generation, what must our goal as parents be?

Whatever goals we set for our children, we must also set for ourselves. Whatever we want to be on our children's hearts must first be found where?

The _____ will always be God's primary tool for reproducing believers in the world.

What do the letters stand for in the acronym created from the word "fish"?

F _____
I _____
S _____
H _____



