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“Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. “Honor your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, “things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth.” Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord. Ephesians 6:1-4 (NLT)

Tips for moms and dads

1. Start _____

You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 3:15 (NLT)

2. Live _____

...The Lord is faithful to all His promises and loving toward all He has made... Psalm 145:13 (NIV)

The Lord is fair in everything He does and full of kindness. Psalm 145:17 (TLB)

3. Look for _____

And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (NLT)

What would we have done differently?

1. We would have been more _____

2. We would have prioritized more _____

- Family _____
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Tips for moms and dads

1. Start early

2 Timothy 3:15 (NLT) ¹⁵You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus.

2. Live consistently

Psalms 145:13 (NIV) ¹³ ...The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made...

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3. Look for teaching moments

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What would we have done differently?

1. We would have been more physical

2. We would have prioritized more family time

- **Family conferences**
- **Family meals**
- **Family traditions**