

**Preparing Your Young People For Marriage
Or
Preparing Your Children For a Lifetime of Successful Christian
Married Life**

Introductory Comments

I. The scriptural foundation for _____ and particularly _____ involvement.

I. Critical areas of responsibility of responsibility for parents.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

E. _____

F. _____

G. _____

II. Typical Problems

III. Final Comments

Survey Results

Helping your children's preparation

One over-riding theme: Be a Great Example!!!

1. Live the Christian life in front of your children.
2. Establish some "identifying characteristics" for your family.
3. Be united as a couple "in" and "out" of your home.
4. Be each other's first priority.
5. Teach your children about money and finances.
6. Encourage your children that God's timing is perfect for marriage.
7. Spend time with your family before God.
8. Insist that your children learn to work hard
9. Teach your children about gender differences.
10. Make yourself vulnerable before your children. Don't try to hide your sin.
11. Talk "with" your kids. Ask and listen. Try more to "understand."
12. Serve the Lord together in ministry.
13. Have fun with your kids!
14. Win your child's heart

Hindering your children's preparation

1. Demean yourself or your spouse in anyway
2. Talking too idealistically to your children about their future
3. Extremism: Allowing your children too little social interaction or over encouraging it.
4. Permissiveness: Letting your child lead a life that is self-focused.
5. Criticizing your spouse in front of your children.
6. Not communicating frequently with your children
7. Trying to force your child to be what God never made them to be.
8. Overemphasizing physical appearance, particularly for daughters.
9. Allowing them to develop unbiblical ideas about marriage
10. Being disrespectful or critical of authority figures
11. Making marriage an "idol."

