

"Practicing Christmas"

Luke 1:5-25, 39-45, 57-66, 80

True Christianity is always just one generation from extinction. Christian parenting, then, has urgency as parents are charged to pass the faith to their children. How do we raise children, especially teens, who will impact their world? The key to successful parenting may be discovered in the proper practice of Christmas.

1. Godly Parents Demonstrate Gratitude

- Hopeful Believers (vv.5-7)
- Faithful Servants (".8-1())
- Useful Instruments (".11-22)
- Thankful Saints (".23-25)

2. Godly Parents Demonstrate Humility

- Marked by the Presence of God (".39-41)
- Marked by the Praise of God (vv.42-45)

3. Godly Parents Demonstrate Obedience

- Obedience Produces Joy (vv.57, 58)
- Obedience Produces Worship (vv.59-64)
- Obedience Produces Expectation (".65, 66)

4. Godly Parents Demonstrate Trust

- Physical and Spiritual Growth Belong to God (v.80a)
- Life Purpose Found in God (v.80b)