

## LEVEL UP: KIDS

September 30 & October 3, 2021

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### TO HELP YOUR KIDS LEVEL UP:

#### 1. GET RIGHT AND STAY RIGHT \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 12:6

Revelation 3:19

Acts 2:38

“We teach what we \_\_\_\_\_, we reproduce what we \_\_\_\_\_.” —John Maxwell

#### 2. CREATE AND \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 12:6

##### Boundaries & Discipline:

A. Clearly state \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Give a \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_ of the consequences.

C. Without \_\_\_\_\_ with the discipline.

D. After the discipline, tell them \_\_\_\_\_.

Ephesians 6:4

#### 3. LET THEM \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 12:7-8

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\_\_\_\_\_ in God's \_\_\_\_\_ = Stable, confident kids!

Hebrews 12:9-10

John 3:16, Romans 3:25, Micah 7:19, Psalm 103:12, Hebrews 8:12

**TAKEAWAY: YOU \_\_\_\_\_.**

## PARENTING Message by Andy & Sandra Stanley

<https://series.northpointministries.org/future-family/our-way-a-way>

### FIVE STAGES OF PARENTING (from Christian Standard article by Don Wilson):

- 1. CARETAKER (BIRTH THROUGH PRESCHOOL): PROVIDE AND PROTECT**  
Proverbs 22:6 | Abraham Lincoln said, “There is just one way to bring up a child in the way he should go and that is to travel that way yourself.” We lead by example. We must raise each child different because they are different, especially their communication style.
- 2. COACH (ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGE): INFLUENCE AND INSTRUCT**  
Deuteronomy 6:6-9 | Be intentional by impressing God’s Word on our children. A key to a healthy family is eating a meal together every day and using the time to reinforce biblical truth as you recap the day’s experiences and challenges. Reading the Bible and/or praying with your children before bed can make a big difference. Much of what we learn is caught rather than taught. Model a Christlike attitude and lifestyle as you spend time with your children at church/home/vacation/with friends.
- 3. COUNSELOR (TEENAGE YEARS): LISTEN AND LEAD**  
Ephesians 6:4 | Often mom listens better and gives feedback and advice, while dad tells them what they need to do. That’s not always a good thing. Proverbs 23:17 | Help your children determine their own values and learn how to deal with peer pressure and to “stand alone” before they leave home. Observe the teenagers they socialize with. “Either you change your friends, or your friends change you.”
- 4. CONFIDANT (WHEN CHILDREN LEAVE HOME): ADVISE AND AFFIRM**  
Proverbs 3:5-6 | You are a sounding board for your children as they struggle with the consequences of their decisions. Allow them to make mistakes, and help them learn so they will not repeat them. Maturity comes with acceptance of responsibility. As a child gets older, parents must learn to gradually release them to make their own decisions.
- 5. CHEERLEADER (GRANDCHILDREN): EXPERIENCES AND ENCOURAGEMENT**  
Proverbs 17:6, Psalm 71:18 | When your family gets together for holidays and vacations, talk about your values and traditions. Remind them why you have the values you do. Don’t be afraid to tell them about struggles and pressure you have had to deal with to maintain those Christian values. As you get older, your focus typically turns to family, faith, and friends. You realize your career matters less and your family matters more. Build memories with your children and grandchildren. Read God’s Word, share God’s Word with your children, and model God’s Word on a daily basis. The reward will be incredible.

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