Welcome to Heart-to-Heart!
Gods Blueprint
For Raising Responsible Kids
What am I doing as ____________ parent to help or hinder him/her from growing up to be a responsible adult one day?
Read Proverbs 16:1-6 (AMP) by yourself or with friend
RESPECT GOES BOTH WAYS.
EXPECTATIONS REALLY DO MATTER.
STUDY YOUR CHILD.
PLAN TO SUCCEED.
OTHERS, PLUS YOU, EQUALS A RESPONSIBLE KID.
NEVER SAY TO DO WHAT YOU DON’T DO.
SAY YES UNLESS YOU MUST SAY NO.
INSPECT WHAT YOU EXPECT.
BE A MOM OF INTEGRITY.
LISTEN AS MUCH (or more than!) YOU TALK.
EVERY DAY COUNTS; MORNING, NOON AND NIGHT.
RESPECT GOES BOTH WAYS.

In what ways could I more intentionally treat my child with respect and keep/protect his/her dignity?
EXPECTATIONS REALLY DO MATTER.

What do I habitually expect from my child?
STUDY YOUR CHILD.

What is my child all about?
What motivates them?
What DE-motivates them?
PLAN TO SUCCEED.
To be in authority – the parent is one in charge,
It’s an “order in the home” atmosphere.
It’s about training a child for life.

To be authoritarian – the parent is the one who always knows best for the child and thus, makes all decisions for them.

It’s a “parents are controlling” atmosphere.
It’s about making a child behave right now!
PLAN TO SUCCEED.

Is there an area or style of my parenting that is not going well; either from my perspective or from my child’s? Could a “plan” change that for them, for their good?
OTHERS, PLUS YOU, EQUALS A RESPONSIBLE KID.

Who are 2-3 key adults influencing my child? Is it a good influence or otherwise?
NEVER SAY TO DO WHAT YOU DON’T DO.

Is there something I’m telling my children to do or not do that is untrue for me? Something I’m telling them not to do that I’m doing?
SAY YES EXCEPT WHEN YOU MUST SAY NO.

Would my children say that they have an appropriate amount of freedom to make decisions and do things they choose to do or would they say our family has a lot of restrictions?
INSPECT WHAT YOU EXPECT. Tell them exactly what you expect and then make sure they have said or done what you expected.

In what areas/ways are my kids doing poorly, not thriving? Is there something I can do, or help them do, to train them toward improvement in that area?
BE A MOM OF INTEGRITY.

What am I saying or doing that I’d never want to see or hear my son or daughter grow up to say or do someday? Do I ever say one thing and mean another? Do I treat my children, and their dad the that way I want to be treated?
LISTEN AS MUCH (or more than!) YOU TALK.

Do I understand what my kids are trying to tell me? Am I paying attention to their body languor or other cues that might indicate that there’s more to the story than what they are choosing to tell me? When I share things with my children, am I communicating with love, respect and clarity; to them, about them and about others?
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In what ways am I intentionally becoming a Biblical thinker? How am I allowing the ways of the Lord to permeate my mind and heart, my words and attitudes, my actions and my days?
Roll your works upon the Lord [commit and trust them wholly to Him; He will cause your thoughts to become agreeable to His will, and] so shall your plans (for raising responsible kids) be established and succeed.

Proverbs 16:3
PLAY Chris Tomlin’s *Sovereign*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LC04SXoYlAI