

The 2 Most Important Things to Teach Your Child

The earlier children discover they were created on purpose for purpose, the better. Ephesians 2:10 teaches us that we were all created in advance to do good work. Isaiah 43:7 teaches that we were created for God's glory.

- When children discover these truths, they're more willing to invest in themselves and others.
- When children act upon these truths, they discover more about God.

This is a powerful combination.

Due largely to technology and how often we let children use it, it's easy for children to become self-centered and selfish. Technology can convince them the world revolves around them and they don't need anybody. Nothing could be further from the truth.

- Let's parent so children's eyes are not on themselves
- Let's parent so children understand the value of living in community.

These might be among the most important things parents do.

When children volunteer with other children and with their families they can discover the world needs them. Serving helps them believe they can positively influence the world *now*. They will find their gifts and choose to use them. They will find true joy.

Children are never too young to serve and make a difference. After all, scholars believe Mary, the mother of our Lord and Savior, was only 13 or 14 when giving birth to Jesus. Often children are ready and willing.

If we don't take advantage of that window of curiosity and humility, it might be too late. They may begin believing there's nothing they can do that matters. **Might this be why we all know adults watching the world pass them by who are doing nothing to influence anybody?** It's sad. Let's not let this happen to the children we know.

What can you do today? Tomorrow? What will you do?

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