

To Raise Godly Kids, Christian Parents Must Start With This

No parent is perfect, and raising godly children in an increasingly chaotic culture hasn't made it any easier. But Dr. Kathy Koch, founder and president of the Christian ministry Celebrate Kids Inc., has identified proven strategies for training your child and parenting in a way that will bring honor to God.

It all starts with the heart—and character—of the parent, Koch says.

"If we're aware that there's something from our past that has broken us, let's examine that and let's humbly move toward healing," Koch told Dr. Steve Greene on a recent episode of "Greenelines" on the Charisma Podcast Network. "Maybe we haven't forgiven someone, maybe we haven't had a hard conversation. Maybe we need some accountability and some help to grow and mature in a particular area.

"I'm so proud of parents that listen to me speak and realize there's something that's a true barrier, and they're willing to deal with their own situation. If you feel like there's a barrier between you and your child because of something that has happened to you, that's realistic. We're complex human beings. Children are children, and they are not developed yet with Christ-like character. But children tell me all the time that, if they [parents] would apologize and mean it, it would mean so much to me.

"For parents, a lot of it stems from who you believe you are and who you believe your Creator is, and are you going to own that. That's huge."

For more of Dr. Kathy Koch's parenting wisdom, listen to the podcast below.