

Lesson 12: Ten Things I Want My Kids to Know

1. What do you see as the hardest part of raising kids in the 21st century?
2. How foundational is the truth that **they are a special creation of God**? How does this relate to all the other things they need to know?
3. Kenny Dale is a country music songwriter and performer. Several years ago he wrote a cute little song about rich kids playing with their fancy toys while poor kids played with the boxes they came in. It's funny how that works. We agonize over just the right gift and . . . they end up playing with the box. What does that tell you?
4. What has been the neatest (and least expensive) memory-maker you have done with your children?

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5. *Choices have consequences . . .* **Numbers 32.23** is a **KEY VERSE** that your children must know. Take a moment and highlight it in your Bible, write it down, and share its meaning with your children.

6. *But, Dad, everyone is seeing that movie . . .* If you have kids old enough to be “tweens” (ages 11-12) you’ve heard it. Use the website: www.pluggedinonline - to determine what they should and should not see. It will tell you how much profanity is in the film along with violence and sexual situations. Go to the Internet and look it up. Highly recommended.

7. **Colossians 3.23-25** makes four points: (1) have integrity on the job, **v. 22**, (2) do your best, **v. 23**, (3) know your *real* boss, **v. 24**, and (4) don’t worry about everyone else. Developing great work ethic and attitude will take them far in the world. Discuss your observations.

8. We must also teach them to be respectful when they are in the homes of others. Teach them to be respectful to their hosts, express appreciation, offer to help, and leave their room like they found it. What does it say about their upbringing when they show little regard for common courtesy and manners?