

## **POSITIVE PARENTING**

**The Objective of parenting** is to help our children transfer their dependence from us, from themselves, unto God.

### **FIVE MAJOR MISTAKES PARENTS MAKE.**

**1. Parents fail to produce strength and character in the lives of their children.**

**2. We Need to Encourage Our Children more.** 1 Thessalonians 2:11 – 12

**How do we encourage:**

- We encourage with our presence:
- We encourage with our touch
- We encourage by having spiritual conversations.  
Jeremiah 29:11; Ephesians 3:20; Proverbs 3:6; Romans 8:37
- We encourage with our words.

Praise focuses solely on what was achieved, encouragement focuses on effort.

**3. How parents discipline their children.**

Proverbs 14:17; James 1:19; Proverbs 22:15; Proverb 13:24; Proverbs 19:18

**Some helpful ideas on this issue.**

- ❖ **Establish your authority.** Colossians 3:20-21
- ❖ **Discipline rather than punish**
- 3 types of discipline**
  - Preventative discipline (When young)
  - Supportive Discipline
  - Corrective discipline

**4. The fourth mistake parents often make is to not affirm their children enough.**

**5. The fifth common mistake that parents make is to not spend enough time with their kids.**