

“Raising Goodhearted Kids”

Main Text: [Luke 6:45](#)

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Getting Started

1. On the one hand, Jesus said, “No one is good – except God alone” ([Luke 18:19](#)) and in Romans 3 Paul quotes Psalm 14:3 which says, “there is no one who does good, not even one.” On the other hand, Jesus said that his new disciple Nathanael was “a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false” (John 1:47) and in [Luke 6:45](#) he said “The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart.”
 - a. How do you reconcile these apparently conflicting passages?
 - b. Considering the fact that our kids are born and conceived in sin ([Psalm 51:5](#)), is it even possible to raise “goodhearted” kids?
2. The best thing we can do for our kids and grandkids is to bring them to Jesus (see [Mark 10:15](#)). We can do this by “telling” them the story of God’s redeeming love through Bible reading and “taking” them to church and church relate activities where they learn more about Jesus.
 - a. Share some stories of people God used to “tell” you what you needed to hear and “take” you where you needed to go
 - b. At your stage in life, who do you want or need to “tell” and “take”? How will you do it?

Going Deeper

1. Do you agree that the biggest gift we can give our kids is two parents who are obviously in love and treat each other with kindness and respect?
 - a. Growing up, were you blessed with this gift? Discuss.
 - b. How did the presence or the absence of this gift in your home impact you? Feel safe to share.

2. God calls parents to meet their children’s needs, especially the need for attention, acceptance, approval and absolutes.
 - a. As you think of your own children and your own parenting, is there a need that you could have met better? What can you do now to meet that need in the way that God calls us to do?
 - b. Regarding the need for absolutes: What do you think of the way Baltimore’s [Toya Graham](#) made it clear to her son that she would absolutely not tolerate violent protest, vandalism or looting? How would you have responded if you had seen your child or grandchild on TV throwing rocks at the police?

3. Is there anything you need or want to do as a result of what you learned this week about storing good in the hearts of our children and grandchildren?