

Completing the Parenting Puzzle: Gratitude

Colossians 3:17

Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

Gratitude goes beyond being politely thankful. It comes from the heart and presents itself in a tangible way. Our children need to learn why they can be grateful and how it can look. Again, as the parent, we get to model this behavior for our children.

To raise appreciative children

1. Be a good personal example.

1 Chronicles 16:34, Psalm 103:2-5, 106:1 Mark 14:3

2. Help them list their blessings.

Deuteronomy 12:7, 1 Kings 8:56, Job 42:12, James 1:12

3. Encourage them to avoid comparison.

Matthew 20:11-15, Luke 18:11

4. Teach them to value what they have.

Philippians 4:11, James 1:17, Hebrews 13:5, 1 Corinthians 12:7, 12:18