

A black and white photograph showing a close-up of an adult's hand gently holding a child's hand. The adult's hand is larger and positioned on the left, with fingers wrapped around the child's hand. The child's hand is smaller and positioned on the right. The background is dark, making the hands the central focus. The text "My Faith and My Child" is overlaid in white, centered across the hands.

My Faith and My Child

Genesis 18:19

“For I have chosen him, so that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken about him.”

What Do You Want For Your Child Spiritually?

- The “naïve” approach – *“I don’t want to impose my spiritual values on them, I want them to decide.”*
- The “limited emphasis” approach – *“I want to introduce my kids to religion, but not overdo it.”*
- The “spiritual foundation” approach – *“Spirituality is a way of life, touching everything about the life of my kids.”*

Evaluate Your Own Approach

- What priority does spiritual development have in the values you are teaching your kids?
- What spiritual environment are your kids living in?
- Is spirituality seen in your family relationships?

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- **Deuteronomy 6:6-9** *"These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."*

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- 2 Timothy 1:5, *"For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well."*

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- 2 Timothy 3:15, *"... From childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."*

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How May I Help My Children Toward A Spiritual Life?

- Face some facts.
- As much as possible, use a positive approach.
- Take advantage of spiritual opportunities provided by the church to help parents.