

PARENTHOOD – 2 UNCHANGING PRINCIPLES OF PARENTING

People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. 14 When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 15 I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." 16 And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them. Mark 10:13-16

1) **LOVING TOUCH.**

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haptomai (hap'-tom-ahee); to attach oneself to, embrace or touch.

And wherever he went-into villages, towns or countryside-they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed. Mark 6:56

- **Need for appropriate touch dramatically increases for girls during preteen years.**
- **Girls are touched in loving appropriate ways five times as often as boys.**
- **Boys need loving touch just as much as girls.**

2) **ABUNDANT TIME.**

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What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. James 4:14

3) **ENCOURAGING TALK.**

And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them. Mark 10:13-16

- **One of the best ways to start meaningful discussions is to ask open ended questions.**

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matt 3:17