

THE PURPOSE OF PARENTING

To PROTECT and PREPARE our children with God's loving grace to SURVIVE and THRIVE as Christians in the society in which they live, following the example of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

WHAT YOUR CHILD NEEDS FROM YOU

- Help building skills
- Help building character
- Discipline, support, & lots of love

Self Care & Quiet Time with God are not selfish!

EVERY DAY A LITTLE PLAY!

6 ESSENTIAL QUALITIES OF CHARACTER

Respect • Responsibility
Cooperation • Courage
Self-Esteem • Faith



That which gives stability to character

YOUR CHILD'S BRAIN

The brain's **higher functions** aren't fully developed until age 25.

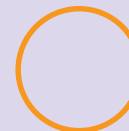
- Sound decision-making
- Regulating emotions
- Considering consequences
- Self-awareness
- Empathy
- Morality

CHILDREN'S BRAINS AREN'T "DONE" YET!

(This helps explain why children act like such... children.)

STYLES OF PARENTING

The Dictator



Limits without freedom

The Doormat



Freedom without limits

The Active Parent

- Influence, not Control
- The Method of Choice
- Mutual Respect



Freedom within limits



Freedom within EXPANDING limits