

A Letter to Your Child

Parenting is a long journey that most of you have just begun. To be successful in parenting, we need to think with the end in mind. This means we should focus on who God wants our child to be when they become an adult. As parents, keeping the end in mind helps us figure out what steps we need to take to make it happen.

As you prepare to dedicate your child, think about what hopes you have for your child's faith and character when they grow up. Think about your child at 18 years old. Write a letter to your "18 year old child" sharing with them your hopes for them regarding their faith and character.

Seal the letter and save it for your child to share with them in the future.

Here are some questions that can help guide your letter:

Tell your child how much you love them

Tell about why you chose to dedicate them and why that is important to you.

Why is your personal faith important to you?

What hopes do you have for your child's faith?

Share with them what you are committed to doing to help their faith grow.

What kind of adult do you want your child to be?

What kind of character do you hope they will have?