

# THINGS WHICH WE ALL NEED

## **A PERSONAL STRATEGY THAT WILL BLESS US INCLUDING:**

**IDENTITY** - we do not want to just be numbers.

**FAITH** - in ourselves, in other people, and especially, in God.

**HOPE** - it is claimed that about 15% of all healing comes from hope.

**LOVE (agape – a choice and then a feeling)** - to know that it is unconditional, that it is an obligation, and that it is a decision.

**LIMITS** -we must have them! (we are free, we have rights, but so does everyone else).

**COMMUNITY** - to be together with others, to be part of a group, to love, to be loved.

**SOLITUDE** - in order to think, to plan, to evaluate.

**CONFLICT** - to struggle, to go up against something that resists; which may be the reason God waits to act.

**GROWTH** - physically, socially, intellectually spiritually....as Jesus did - Luke 2:52.

**PARDON** - both to give it, and to receive it.....refusing to pardon will make us sick!

**JOY** - usually not because we get what we want, but because we have done our duty.

## **A STRATEGY THAT WILL BLESS OUR FAMILY INCLUDING:**

**TIME** - to give others their needed attention, to show love.

**DISCIPLINE** - fair, consistent, fully explained, united, and demonstrated by the parents.

**CONVERSATION AT THE TABLE** - a social, educational, and spiritual time.

**ACTIVITIES** - varied, interesting, things children want to have a part in.

**T.V.** - under control, some families choose not to have one, (what about a personal T.V. for each FAMILY MEMBER???!?)

**HOME SCHOOLING** - because home is our first and most important school.....some make it an official school.

**INTERNET** - make it a blessing and not a curse!.

**DAILY BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER** - (see I Sam. 12:23 and 2 Tim. 3:14-17).

**TRAVEL** - make it fun, and a means of learning.

**NATURE** - so each can reflect on the "letter" we see there from God.

**GOOD MANNERS** - "thank you", "no thank you", "excuse me", "please", "after you". "may I?"

**HELPING EACH OTHER RESIST TEMPTATION** - we all need help!

**MAKE IT A POINT TO KNOW YOUR CHILDREN'S FRIENDS** - hospitality is a good way.

**READING** - keep a lot of good things around that are informational, uplifting, challenging, etc.

**UNDERSTANDING** - mostly through the listening part of communication.

**A FAMILY RECORD** - for now, and for the future.

**TRADITIONS** - every family will benefit by "good" traditions, and they will tend to be carried on and on.

**HAVE SOME FUN - MAKE IT A FAMILY PROJECT TO ADD TO THIS LIST!**

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