

Along the Virtuous Way - Parent Review Sheet

The aim of this parent review sheet is to give you a sense of how well you're implementing the principles covered in the "Along the Virtuous Way" class (formally called Growing Kids Gods Way, or GKGW). While we all go through ups and downs in our parenting journey, consider what you are characterised by when you answer.

On a scale of 1-5, how are you doing? As husband and wife, fill them out separately, then compare notes.

Scale

1 = Almost always true of our family

2 = Usually true of our family

3 = Sometimes true of our family

4 = Not usually true of our family

5 = Rarely true of our family

1. _____ Our marriage relationship takes priority over the children.
2. _____ We consistently have Couch Time at least 4 times a week.
3. _____ We have a date night on a regular basis.
4. _____ We are meeting each other's love language needs.
5. _____ We have balance between being legalistic/permissive in our parenting style.
6. _____ We are studying Scripture and learning for ourselves what the 'moral reason why' is so can 'write the standard of Godliness' on our children's hearts.
7. _____ We are working on filling our children's 'moral warehouse' by explaining the 'moral reason why'.
8. _____ We are not characterised by overusing 'explaining the moral reason why' when we should be holding our children to the information they already know.
9. _____ Our children think through biblical principles when making choices/decisions.
10. _____ Our children are characterised by first-time obedience (coming when you call at least 90% of the time, saying "yes mum/dad") in both action and attitude.
11. _____ Our children understand and work through the principle of repentance, asking for forgiveness and making things right each time they have a sinful action/attitude.
12. _____ Our children use the appeal process appropriately.
13. Our children are characterised by standards of honour and respect:
 - _____ Submitting to parent's authority
 - _____ Honouring the aged (using Mr. and Mrs.)
 - _____ Use the 'interrupt rule'
 - _____ Demonstrate kindness to siblings/peers
 - _____ Show respect for other's property and 'dominion'
 - _____ Show respect for nature

14. _____ We are characterised as parents as considering context in the application of our training when disciplining our children.
15. We are working on practicing the 8 duties of the ‘father’s mandate’:
_____ Cultivating a sense of family identity
_____ Demonstrating an ongoing love for each other
_____ Understanding our children’s ‘private’ world
_____ Keeping our promises
_____ Giving our children the freedom to fail
_____ Encouraging each member of the family
_____ Hugging our children
_____ Building trusting relationships with our children based on God’s Word
16. _____ We are working on understanding and meeting our children’s love language needs.
17. _____ Our children would rather be with our family than their friends.
18. _____ Others have commented to us positively about our children’s behaviour when we are not around overseeing them.

Your total score: _____

Score Analysis:

- 30 – 60 Right on track – need to fine tune some issues.
- 61 – 90 Basically on track – consider going over the chapters you scored poorly on.
- 91 – 120 Slightly off track – consider doing Along the Virtuous Way again.
- 121 – 150 Way off track – do AVW ASAP, and consider meeting with your class leader individually to discuss what’s going wrong.

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