

Let the Children Come...

Along The Virtuous Way is the same content as the former Growing Kids God's Way - 5th Edition, but in a fresh "Australianised" cover. In the title, Growing Kids God's Way, we place our emphasis on "God's Way" - meaning the way of the Lord. We serve an ethical God. Moral rightness flows from His being. His ways are in accord with His unchangeable character. In short, God is absolutely perfect and His moral law is a reflection of his holy character. We all must learn the way of the Lord and instruct our growing children in it. This core curriculum lays the groundwork for your parenting, no matter where you are in the process. **Along The Virtuous Way** is designed to take parents through the process of building a loving family unit by raising morally responsible children. The course has 19 sessions to take you and your child through to the pre-teens. The participants meet one night a week to watch a video, and discuss the topics.

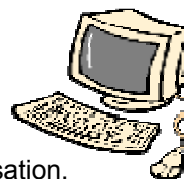
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For more information visit the Growing Families Australia website at... www.gfi.org.au



This site explains the history and goals of the Growing Families organisation, news and resources available, with on-line ordering. Contact the GFA representative in your state via the website or phone the National Office for number.

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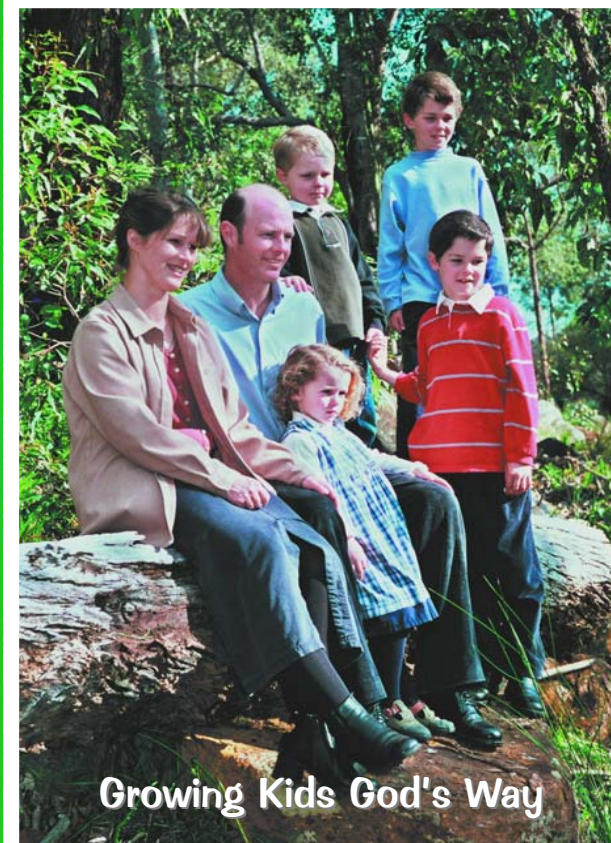
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Growing Kids God's Way

Gary & Anne Marie Ezzo

Parenting your
Child from
Fifteen Months
to Pre-Teens





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Course Delivery: The course has 19 sessions to take you and your child through to the pre-teens. The participants meet one night a week* to watch a video, and discuss the topics. Each couple receives their course manuals and homework to complete.

Session 1: How to Raise a Moral Child

Participants learn why we need to give our children a moral reason why, when we give them a directive. Children can learn the moral reason behind a decision to do something.

Session 2: Right Beginnings

The importance of the husband-wife relationship is emphasised, as children need a secure atmosphere to grow up in. If you are a single parent, Gary & Anne Marie deal sensitively with the special issues that confront you.

Session 3: Touchpoints of Love

'The Five Love Languages' by Dr Gary Chapman are the key to this session. Do you know how to say, "I Love You," to your spouse and your children in their love language?



Session 4: The Father's Mandate.

Fathers are shown what their God given role is in the family. Eight duties for a father are identified.

Session 5: Your Child's Conscience

How much do you understand about the conscience and how it works? Class members do a test to determine the state of their own conscience.

Session 6: Respect for Authority and Parents

A very practical lesson that covers such matters as honouring parents, respect for those who have authority, such as police, teachers etc.

Session 7: Respect for Age

Training children to honour and respect age is training them to honour God. Whatever happened to Mr & Mrs? Teaching your children the "interrupt rule".

Session 8: Respect for Peers, Property, & Nature

How to teach children to respect the dominion of others. The emphasis is not on the object, but on showing respect for the person who owns the object.

Session 9: Principles of Obedience

When you give your child a command, do they respond with "yes Mum or yes Dad"? First time obedience is achievable. What is it like in your family?

Session 10: Discipline with Encouragement

Encouragement is a very important part of discipline. You will learn the difference between a reward and a bribe.

Session 11: Discipline with Correction

Learn the difference between "childishness" and "foolishness". Also, under-punishing sets too low a value on the sin but over-punishing exasperates the child.

Session 12: Consequences and Punishment

Many parents fall into the cultural use of spanking instead of the biblical application. A child is robbed of dignity when parents use intimidation, threats, yelling, and other unbiblical forms of correction, rather than biblical chastisement.

Session 13: Repentance, Forgiveness, & Restoration

Unfortunately, people often confuse regret with repentance.

You cannot repent without regret, but you can regret without repentance.

Session 14: Discipline Issues (Part One)

We can allow our children too many choices that are not age appropriate. The result is that a child becomes "wise in their own eyes".

Session 15: Discipline Issues (Part two)

We look at whining, lying, cheating, stealing, temper tantrums, micro-vs-macro rebellion, power struggles.

Session 16: The Appeal Process

Col 3:21 says 'Fathers, do not exasperate your children.' This lesson shows you how you can fulfil this scriptural injunction.

Session 17: Building a Healthy Family

How to enjoy the teenage years with your children.

Session 18: Memorials

Encouraging parents in passing on their faith from generation to generation. Gary and Anne Marie Ezzo share their hearts concerning this vital task.

Session 19: Rejection: Man's Greatest Fear

We all experience rejection, how we handle it is the issue dealt with in this last video of the series.

* Each weekly session meeting is approx. 2 hours.

The next step: (From Eight to Twelve Years)

Along the Middle Years Way

Builds on *Along the Virtuous Way* and provides clear strategies for the older child.

