

Richmond Hill Baptist Church
May 9, 2010 (Mother's Day)
A Recipe for Successful Parenting

Muffins with Mom:

Prelude:

Video: "Mother's Day Project"

Welcome: Happy Mother's Day and welcome to the Richmond Hill. If you are a guest – thanks for coming out. Please take a Connect Card and fill it out and drop it in the offering plate when it comes by. Let's take a moment and greet one another!

Sing: *My Savior My God, Blessed Be Your Name, Trust and Obey, As the Deer*
Children's Corner: Book Give Away: *Becoming a Women of Excellence*

Baby Dedication: Today we are going to dedicate to the Lord three babies. I would like to invite their families up at this time.

There is nothing salvific about a baby dedication. Parents cannot choose salvation for their child by involving them in a ritual of any kind. Each person, whether they are a child or an adult, is saved through faith in Christ. While parents cannot choose salvation for their children they can choose to raise children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and prepare them to some day place their faith in Jesus Christ.

So what is the purpose of a baby dedication?

1. A promise by the parents to raise their child in a Godly home.
2. A partnership with our church to help you raise your child in a Godly home.
3. A prayer of blessing upon your family and your baby.

Let me introduce to you:

1. Hannah Garcia Phineiro (May 8, 2009) Parents: Jonathan & Marselli
2. Jacob Timothy Hillman (March 25, 2010) Parents: Zachary & Cheryl
3. Elias Salvatore Rauti (March 31, 1010) John & Josephine

In Luke 2:52 we are told that Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and Man.

Jonathan & Marseli, Zach & Cheryl, John & Josephine: Do you promise to raise your children in a Godly home where they like Jesus can grow in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and men?

RHBC do promise to help the Horns, Hillmans, and Rauti's in this amazing task of help seeing these children grow in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men?

Our church has a certificate of your promise and and gift for each of you: book.

Mark 10:13-16: *People were bringing little children to Jesus And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.*

Offering:

Miracle Sunday our church gave over \$173,000 and pledged over \$12,000 for a total of \$185,000 to reduce our building debt. Thanks to everyone who participated!

Formula 4 Hope Baby Bottle Campaign for the Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre.

Pray: God thank you for blessing our church!

Offertory: *Hear My Worship*

Sermon: **A Recipe for Successful Parenting**

I want to thank the FNL Team for our Muffins with Mom time before the service.

I thought that I would share with you my favourite muffin recipe: Burst o'Lemon Muffins (see recipe).

James Dobson in his book *The Strong Willed Child* said, "Child rearing is like baking. You don't realize you have a disaster until it's too late." Success in baking and child rearing is best achieved when you follow instructions. So this morning I would like to share with you **A Recipe for Successful Parenting**:

Product: Healthy Child: Physically, Mentally/Emotionally, Spiritually, Relationally

World Health Organization (WHO): Health is a state of complete physical, mental, social, and spiritual well being, and not just the absence of disease or infirmity.

Dr. Walt Larimore: The 4 Wheels of Health (www.DrWalt.com)

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Matthew 1:24: *When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.*

Luke 1:26-38: *"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.*

2. Lots of Love

Matthew 22:37-39: *Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.*

3. Tons of Training

Proverbs 22:6: *Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.*

Ephesians 6:4: *Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.*

Show & Tell

4. Persistent Prayer

Luke 18:1-8: *Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' ⁴ "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming! "*

Three Prayers:

1. Pray that your children will choose a great Master for life.
2. Pray that your children will choose a great Mission for life.
3. Pray that your children will choose a great Mate for life.

5. Consistent Correction

Proverbs 29:17: *Discipline your son, and he will give you peace; he will bring delight to your soul.*

Complete Marriage and Family Home Reference Guide by James Dobson (pg. 81)

Six Guidelines for Disciplining Children

1. Define the boundaries before they are enforced.
2. When defiantly challenged, respond with confident decisiveness. Once a child understands what is expected, he or she should be held accountable for behaviour accordingly.
3. Distinguish between wilful and defiance and childish irresponsibility.
4. Reassure and teach as soon as the confrontation is over.
5. Avoid impossible demands.
6. Let love be your guide.

6. Gobs of Grace

Luke 6:37-38: *“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”*

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Proverbs 31:28: *A Wife of Noble Character - Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her.*

Prayer:

1. Thank God for your mom.
2. Ask God to bless your mom.
3. Ask God to help your mom.
4. Ask God to help your family situation.
5. Ask God to help you be the best parent you can be.
6. Ask God to help you be the best child you can be.

Response: *Be Unto Your Name*

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