

## What to Do When the Kids are out of Control

(These 4 principles could be successfully applied to many human relationships)

### **1. When in doubt about what to do next, be kind and gracious.**

*Eph 4:32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. NASU*

### **2. Overlook the small stuff and encourage their successes at the drop of a hat.**

*Heb 3:13 But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. NASU*

### **3. Treat them with the dignity and respect you would show an adult.**

*Col 3:21 Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart. NASU*

### **4. Make them a part of the team.**

*Eph 4:2-3 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. NASU*

*Rom 12:9-21*

*9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; 11 not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; 12 rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, 13 contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. 16 Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation. 17 Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. 19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.*

*20 "BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD."*

*21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. NASU*

***4 Things We Wanted to Teach our Kids before They Left Our Home***

- 1. How to receive criticism***
- 2. How to work hard as unto the Lord.***
- 3. How to submit to the authorities in their lives.***
- 4. How to love God.***