



“Family Roles and Responsibilities” – August 2024

Thoughts to Ponder

1. In 1988 Lee Iacocca wrote: “The only way to get this country back on track is to go back to the basics: how we raise our kids . . .”
 - a. Describe the differences you see in this country now and when you were a child and when your parents were children.
 - b. Describe how the way your children are being raised differs from the way your parents and grandparents were raised . . . and the way you were raised.

2. “Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.” (Ephesians 6:1)
 - a. Before children can obey, parents must set limits. Describe the limits you set for your children and their response to those limits.
 - b. It has been said that, when it comes to raising their children, there are just three rules for parents: love, limit and let them be. Please explain why do you agree or disagree.

3. “Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4)
 - a. Moms and dads need to be on the same page when it comes to disciplining their children or their children will become frustrated, not knowing what to expect from one moment to the next. Please give examples of how this applied in your life as a child and as a parent.
 - b. How are you providing Christian faith formation for your children? Could you be doing more? If so, why aren’t you?

4. If parents do not prepare their children for life, they will be prepared by their peers.
 - a. What are your children learning from your example about the values they should hold dear?
 - b. Have the values you hold dear changed over the years? Why or why not?

5. It is not easy to be a parent – it has never been easy to be a parent – it is never going to be easy to be a parent. Please share your thoughts on this statement.

