

Inconvenient Parenting

God-given Traits That Can Help Your Children Grow

Wisdom — human wisdom contains aspects of experience, knowledge, discernment and judgement. But as Christians, we also know of godly wisdom, which is to discern what God says is true and apply it properly.

Wonder — causes our children and us to see we are all a small part of God’s huge masterpiece of creation. When we are in awe, we notice something bigger than ourselves, which points us to a Creator who is worthy of worship.

Vitality — is unique for each person; the way we experience and express our zest for life. Vitality, aliveness, spontaneity, or vibrancy is essential to an abundant life. It’s an eagerness toward living.

Sensitivity — an openness to the world around us, where we are emotionally tuned in to others. Sensitivity creates caring and compassionate people who see a problem and are moved to do something about it.

Flexibility — mental flexibility is the ability to make connections between seemingly unrelated topics. It encompasses a mind that can stretch and adapt new information. Flexible thinkers are great problem solvers.

Curiosity — the desire to identify and comprehend more about the world; and the reason why so many young children, especially, ask countless questions. This tool can help children discover their interests, passions, and possibly their careers.

Creativity — the ability to make or otherwise bring into existence something new. Creativity is an ability and desire to make something that is uniquely our own.

Imagination — this allows us to put ourselves in stories and places we never may have been. Imagination enhances worship and helps us connect with God and others.

Inventiveness — this is a combination of curiosity, creativity and imagination to makes something entirely new; it is “productive imagination.” All inventions begin in the curious mind of someone who recognizes a need, dreams up an idea, and works to produce it.

Playfulness — an attitude toward life that finds fun around every corner. During play, parts of the brain that overanalyze and overthink are turned down, and creativity is unlocked and set free.

Humor — the capacity to express or perceive what is funny. Humor is God’s gift to us; a way to release tension and bring joy into our lives.

Joy — a deep-seated feeling when a new connection is made, a new insight obtained, or a new skill mastered. Joy is the “aha” moment when things click, and we find satisfaction or pride in gaining new understanding or achievement.