

WEEK # 1

TEENAGERS PART 1

THE TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY

Read Romans 13:1-5

Point Of Mercy – this truth is the *compass* that will guide you through the teenage years. This single truth, if you grasp it, will unlock and explain every dynamic and every interaction between parents and teenagers. That truth is about...

Authority

Six Examples of Positions of Authority

1. _____ - the ultimate unlimited authority.
2. _____
3. _____ Authority
4. _____
5. _____
6. Your _____

These two are almost twins – in both cases God says the degree of authority you have is limited by how much you are a servant

Two Overreactions to Authority

1. _____
2. _____

Two Truths About Authority

1 - All _____ authority is _____ authority.

Two Questions to Understand Human Authority

1. Of all the positions of human authority, which position has the highest level of authority?
_____.
2. Of all the positions of human authority, who has the least amount of authority? _____.
When your baby is 18 years old and living on their own, how much authority do you have?
_____.

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Authority is not only control, authority is _____. When your child is young you have almost total authority and responsibility. However, when you give up authority, you also give up responsibility!

Every other authority in our life remains _____ in our life (Examples). In the area of parents, it's not a constant thing. The day you pick up that baby, you stepped on a bullet train. It is a straight-of-way for the first ten years and you are the authority. At about 11 or 12 years old, this bullet train does a 180° turn. In the short space of about 4-6 years, you are flung around to the other direction and now you've got no authority!

The most dominant factor in Parent/Teen relationships is

The _____ of _____.

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2 - All authority is an _____ of _____ authority.

What this means is you have to find the _____ of God for each position of authority (Examples). If you leave out that all authority is an extension of God, you'll try to become God himself (Examples). One of the greatest reasons you're a parent is to cause you to want to know God.

Two Purposes of Parenting

1. **First Half of Parenting** – the purpose of God is _____. Making that child feel good doesn't really matter for about the first seven years. Their responsibility is: "You are to be a delight." (Examples). Just read Proverbs!
2. **Second Half of Parenting** – the goal is _____.
 - **Malachi 4:5-6** – the last two sentences in the Old Testament. The **best verses** on teenagers in the Bible. Also: **Luke 1:17, John 15:15.**
 - In God's relationship with us, **first** he _____ us, **then** He wants to move with us into _____.
 - The whole Old Covenant was God saying, "I'm boss". Then He ended that and said, "There's a day coming when a messenger's going to come with a new message, where we're going to go beyond the message of my authority to the message of my friendship."
 - **Example Given** – the father goes beyond the position of authority to the position of heart-to-heart friendship.
 - **John 15:15** – Jesus said, "I know longer call you servants, but now I call you _____."

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➤ **Two Things I Want You To Notice In This Passage**

- a) Impending _____ (Verse 5). If you are not “bucked in” when you go around that curve, you can be so thrown to the side that you can wreck the whole train.
- b) Who does he send to protect you? Elijah (John the Baptist was the fulfillment). Elijah and John the Baptist were two of the bluntest men in the Bible. The Youth Pastor ought to be the _____ in the whole church!

An Elijah anointing says to parents, “When they were children, you could require change out of them without you changing. The day they turned twelve, that was over forever.”

From this day forward, you don’t get any change out of them unless you
_____ or _____ that change in your own life.

The **Youth Pastor** has to

1. Look the parents in the eye – and say, “Stop whining about how you want your teenager to change, let’s talk about _____ changing and then we’ll see plenty of change out of our teenagers.”
2. Look at the teenagers in the eye – and say, “You talk about wanting freedom and having rights. The truth is being an adult is not about rights, it’s about _____. If you want to be an adult, you are on the same playing field as your parents.” (Examples)

That is grabbing someone on the edge of a train wreck and pulling them back
and rescuing them from impending danger.

I cannot underestimate the horror of a parent/teenager explosion, but Elijah’s ministry was the most exciting ministry in the whole Old Testament. If you’re not prepared for the Teenage years, someone’s got to wake you up. If you’re prepared, the Teenage years are the _____ years.

Example – a father says to his 14-year-old son, “There are a couple of attitudes I’d like you to work on” and the son says, “You always give good input, I’d like to hear it.” Then he says, “Son, are there some attitudes in my life you’d like to point out?” If you don’t transfer authority, they’ll have to grab it from you. They’re going to get it either way.

Every time you deal with your teenager, you’ve got to say, “How do you think I handled that?” If you do that, it’s an exciting thing to watch a boy become a man.

You might as well get excited about it!

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TEENAGERS PART 1
THE TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1) Which of the two overreactions to authority did you most relate to, and why? _____

The Next Questions Are For Parents of Teenagers (or soon to be Teenagers)

2) How would you describe your current relationship with your teenager(s)? _____

3) How willing are you to focus on areas in your life that need to change? What area is God nudging you about now? _____

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The Next Questions Are For Teenagers

4) What is your reaction to this statement: "Being an adult isn't about rights, it's about responsibility?" _____

5) How would you describe your current relationship with your parents? _____

6) How willing are you to focus on areas in your life that need to change? What area is God nudging you about now? _____

WEEK # 2

TEENAGERS PART 2

THE DEFINITION OF A CHILD

Review of Last Week

- One truth that unlocks and explains everything in the parent-teen relationship: authority.
- All other types of authority remain constant throughout our life.
- It can take us twenty years to be able to respond well to authority.
- The authority of parents goes from the highest human authority to zero authority.
- This transition of authority is the hardest human interrelationship between two people.

The Secret of Success

- I want to give you a way to not just survive the teenage years, but to thrive in the teenage years.
- What I'm going to give you is guaranteed. It cannot fail and it is powerful, but it is also painful on the front end.
- What I'm going to do is define what God says is a _____, regardless of _____.
- Then I'm going to define what an _____ is, regardless of _____.
- You cannot lead a child into adulthood unless you yourself are an adult.

The Definition of a Child

- The whole concept of puberty is the fact that there's a part of your brain that doesn't awaken until you're _____ years old.
- There are literally chemicals in your brain that don't start being secreted until you're 11 – 13 years old.
- When that part awakens, it is the _____ - _____ part that says, "I am an adult. I have my own decisions."
- The result is: from 12 – 15 is the season in life when as a parent you drink the fruit of _____.
- Up until 12 years old, you are pouring _____ into the cup of your child. At 12 – 14, they take the cup and say, "Have a sip Dad. Have a sip Mom."
- If you fight that cup, it gets _____ at you. If you willingly take it, you drink the fruit of your own attitudes. (Examples)
- If you drink the cup willingly, the influence over your teenager can _____ tenfold over what it was when they were a child.

The teenage years are a _____ to _____
for Mom and Dad.

A child is _____.

WEEK # 2 CON'T

Five Examples

1. _____
2. _____ - if they resist that responsibility, they're a _____.
3. _____
4. _____ - you ought to stop spanking your kids after 5 – 6 because it becomes a point of shame after that. The number one way to punish or reward teenagers: _____.
5. ** Bigger than 1 – 4 combined **

My

- The Bible says that when you blame a bad attitude on anyone else, you're a _____.
- The day you become an adult is the day you realize that you are responsible before God for _____, and there is never an excuse for a bad attitude.
- Example of Dream from God
- In 1st Corinthians 13:4-7, Paul lists 15 adult attitudes.
- After listing these attitudes, he then gives the most specific definition in verse 11, "When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man" ... I'll never again blame my attitude on any person, circumstance or thing.

Three Truths

1. To be an adult means, "I am responsible for my attitude."
2. Colossians 3:21 – "Fathers do not _____ your children or they will become discouraged."
 - Definition of when a father embitters their children: When a father says, "Because I am Dad, I require you to operate at a _____ of maturity than I require of _____."
 - That is a bully, a hypocrite, and a perverse person and attitude because you stand as a representative of God.
3. Who should be the most mature person in every house? The _____. Who should be second most mature? The _____. To whom are they accountable for their attitude? To their _____. Therefore we move on to

The Solution

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- This is when they're 12 – 15 and they say "Drink some of this".
 - If you don't receive it, it will be forced on you.
 - If you want to be smart, rather than waiting until that cup is forced on you at 12 – 15, you _____ for it at 6 – 8 years old. (Examples)
 - Bad attitude is defined in three words: _____.

That's the first half of how you guarantee successful teenagers.

WEEK # 2 CON'T
TEENAGERS PART 2
THE DEFINITION OF A CHILD
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The Next Questions Are For Parents of Teenagers (or soon to be Teenagers)

1) In what ways have you had to drink the fruit of your own attitudes through the attitudes of your teenager(s)? _____

2) Do you accept responsibility when you have a wrong attitude, or do you tend to blame others? What attitudes in your life do you need to work on? _____

3) How willing are you to be mutually accountable to your teenagers for your attitudes? What are some practical ways you can apply the teaching in this sermon in your family? _____

WEEK # 2 CON'T

The Next Questions Are For Teenagers

4) How well do you handle the responsibilities your parents give to you? Where do you need to improve? _____

5) What are some attitudes in your life that you need to let God help you change? _____

6) How willing are you to be mutually accountable to your parents for your attitudes? _____

WEEK # 3

TEENAGERS PART 3

THE DEFINITION OF AN ADULT

Today I want to give you **half** of all that's involved in **guaranteeing** a fantastic, successful, joyous, victorious time with your teenagers.

The Method is _____

1st Corinthians 4:15 – 17 – Paul Defines

- He says to the Corinthians, "...in Christ Jesus, I became your **father**."
- He goes on from there and says, "I urge you to _____ me."
- He defines fatherhood as **modeling**.
- The attitudes that **you** live will be **imparted** to your children.

Last Week

- Definition of a Child - **forced** responsibility.
- Another Way to Say It - someone who _____ responsibility.
- Biggest Area - when you resist responsibility for your _____.

The Definition of an Adult:

Seeks _____ and _____ to help me know Jesus.

- The opposite of resisting responsibility is not to resist it but to seek it.
- The ultimate goal is to know Him.
- Children answer to their _____. Adults answer to the _____.
- There is a demonic deception that some people live by: "Children answer to their parents. As an adult, I don't answer to _____."
- If you believe that, it shrinks your willingness to seek the advice of others.
- The result is you'll produce a teenager who thinks they answer to no one, and you deserve the hell you get!
- You reproduce who you are.
- If you're a man of God, you say "Son answering your parents is a piece of cake compared to answering to God."
- When you seek counsel, you ought to seek counsel from those who _____ you the most, are the most _____ to you, and who know you the _____.
- What human being loves you the most, is most loyal to you, and knows you the best? Your _____. After your mate, your _____.
- Example of Asking Your Kids for Help

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Bottom Line Question

How many of you want your 16 – 18 year olds seeking _____ counsel on their morals, friends, and walk with the Lord?

1st Corinthians 4:15-17 says your kids become **who you are**. Nobody in the world does this because they believe children answer to parents and parents answer to no one.

This is the atom bomb of power in raising kids.

Ages 0 – 5 : Build Discipline

Ages 6 – 18 : Build Friendship

- What is the difference between your casual friends and close friends?
- Your close friends are the ones from whom you _____.
- Ages 6 – 18 is when you build a close friendship with your young adult.

Do this and you're guaranteed.

Don't do this and you're also guaranteed.

Ten Scriptures From Proverbs

1. 1:5 – a man of understanding will acquire or seek out counsel.
2. 11:14 – many advisors make victory sure.
3. 12:1 – he who hates correction is stupid.
4. 12:15 – a wise man listens to advice.
5. 13:10 – wisdom is found in him who takes advice.
6. 15:22 – plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisors they succeed.
7. 19:20 – accept instruction and end the end you will be wise.
8. 20:18 – make plans by seeking advice.
9. 21:2 – all a man's ways seem right to him but the Lord weighs the heart. A _____.
10. 24:6 – for victory you need many advisors.

WEEK # 3 CON'T

7 Areas Where You Can Seek Your Kids' Advice

1. The _____.
2. _____.
3. Your _____.
4. Your _____.
5. Your _____.
6. Your _____.
7. Your _____.

Do **Not** Seek Your Kids Advice on _____.

4 Fantastic Fruits of Seeking Your Teen's and Pre-Teen's Advice

F _____ - if you want your kids to respect you, this is the greatest gift you could ever give them.

I _____ - lecturing as instruction ceases to be effective at _____ years old. God began to prepare them for adulthood, and no adult likes to be lectured. God wants you to begin mixing instruction with seeking advice. (Examples).

L _____ - from your child's perspective, if you seek their advice than Jesus is your Lord. If you don't, He's not your Lord.

L _____ - if you can bring your family together, you are ready to be an executive in any company. A leader, when he seeks advice, never points out the negative in that advice as his first response.

Two Conclusions

1 – **The Psalm 1 Warning** - you are warned to never seek counsel from _____, _____ or _____ people.

- The first five years is when you establish discipline.
- How to know if you've done well establishing discipline -- Tone of voice and Repeated commands.
- You then enter into the time when you start building a friendship.
- At 6 – 10 years old it is a sweet thing to seek your pre-teen's advice.
- You can't do that if you skip stage 1 (Examples).

2 – **A Word to Teenagers** – how to melt my parents (or how to be given great freedom by my parents). Two things:

- Take _____ for your actions.
- Seek your parent's _____. Even if your parents are children, you be an adult.

WEEK # 3 CON'T
TEENAGERS PART 3
THE DEFINITION OF AN ADULT
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The Next Questions Are For Parents of Teenagers (or soon to be Teenagers)

- 1) How frequently do you seek advice from adults that you know and trust? How frequently do you seek the advice of your kids? How comfortable are you with the idea of doing that?

- 2) Of the ten scriptures in Proverbs, which ones spoke to you the most, and why? _____

- 3) In what ways can you ask for your kids' advice in the seven areas listed in this sermon?

WEEK # 3 CON'T

4) What percentage of the time do you instruct your kids, and what percentage of the time do you seek their advice? How can you improve in this area? _____

The Next Questions Are For Teenagers

5) How comfortable are you with seeking your parents' advice? What benefits could you gain if you started seeking their advice more? _____

6) Which of the four fantastic fruits do you see operating in your parent's life? In your life?

7) How do you feel when your parents ask you for advice? _____

WEEK # 4

TEENAGERS PART 4

M.A.A.P. OUT A STRATEGY

Introductory Comments

Raising dynamic Godly teenagers is not at all hard or confusing. The tool of the enemy is to distract and overwhelm you with other things, where you lose sight of the simple clear truths. What's hard is to shut out all the distractions.

M.A.A.P.

I want you to get a clear picture of how to map out a strategy for having Godly, awesome, wonderful, tremendously friendly teenagers.

Two Mutual A's

Mutual _____ - the single greatest gift I can give to any person is if I come to you and seek your advice for a personal problem in my life.

Mutual _____ - power to melt a heart. You have to discipline that teenager, but if you discipline yourself at the same time by the same standards, you'll cut that rebellious season. It'll only be ¼ as long.

Every time a parent is angry, it's because he's been a _____. (Example)

Verse: _____

Two Mutual P's

Mutual _____

- **Fact** - there are 615 verses in the Bible that command us to be people who praise, encourage, or who are thankful.
- **7 Scriptures**
 1. **Philippians 4:8** – as a parent, work hard and dig to find something in your children to _____.
 2. **1 Thessalonians 5:8**
 3. **Hebrews 3:3, 10:25** – men need a strategy. Never walk by your kids or have them walk by you without smiling at them, touching them, or praising them.
 4. **Proverbs 22:11** – he who's speech is gracious will have the king for a friend.

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**** These last three are pretty touchy, sensitive ones. ****

5. **Proverbs 27:5** – the wisest man who ever lived (Solomon) was describing how much a child thirsts for the affirmation of their parents.
 - You have a daily ten gallon thirst for your parents to be pleased with you.
 - If it doesn't get filled, the next day it's a 20 gallon thirst, then 30, etc.
 - Some had parents would merely give you a drop of acceptance.
 - The healing for you is _____.
 - Give and it shall be given unto you.
 - Better is open rebuke than hidden love: the words of a child who's _____.
 6. **Esau and Jacob**
 7. **Malachi 4:6** – after seeking advice and accountability, if you want to melt your kids hearts, _____ them.
- **Two Groups** – those who are great at praising and those who are poor praisers.
 1. **Poor Group**
 - Neither of your two parents praised you.
 - Your life is marked by a sense of _____.
 - You have a horrible curse on your life: _____.
 - The only responsibility you have that it would be great enough to break it is a love for your kids.
 2. **Great Group**
 - You look at people like cups: you look into their souls and ask, "How full is your cup?"
 - When you see hurt and thirsty people you want to pour out the presence and praise and goodness of God on them.
 - You have an insight that those who don't praise don't have a clue: you know that the reason people stop fighting is because _____.
 - You are aware that if your normal life is very _____, then when it gets ugly, the reason we'll stop fighting is because we _____ the _____ of our normal life.
 - Romans 13: The Debt of Love

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Mutual _____

- If you respect each other, you still have to have common goals if you're going to be friends.
- **Two Synonyms** - _____ or _____.
- **Two Priorities to Impart to Your Kids**
 1. Have your kids in _____ (example of Youth Group). If you bring your kids to church when it's convenient, what you're saying is, "God is important, but these other things are more important."
 2. Read through the Bible every year for _____ years with your kids. About _____ minutes a day.

It's not hard to raise mighty kids for Jesus.
All you've got to do is ignore the distractions,
And do the few things that are really important.

WEEK # 4 CON'T
TEENAGERS PART 4
M.A.A.P.P OUT A STRATEGY
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The Next Questions Are For Parents of Teenagers (or soon to be Teenagers)

1) Are you a poor praiser or a great praiser? Rate yourself on scale of 1 – 10: _____.

Rate your mate on a scale of 1 – 10: _____.

2) How easy or difficult is it for you to dig to find things about your teenagers to praise them about? What can you do to improve in this area? _____

3) What practical strategies can you use to build a habit of praising your teenagers? List as many ideas as you can come up with. _____

WEEK # 4 CON'T

4) How important is it to you that you and your teenager(s) are in church? What is the value of being consistent in church? _____

The Next Questions Are For Teenagers

5) **Rate Your Parents** – on a scale of 1 – 10, how good are your parents at praising you on a regular basis? _____

6) How much do you and your parents share mutual purposes? What are those purposes?

7) What is the value of going to church consistently and reading through the Bible each year?

WEEK # 5

TEENAGERS PART 5

THE FOUNDATION OF PARENTING

NOTE ABOUT THIS SERMON

This sermon in the Teenagers series comes from our Bible Survey series. It was added to this series because the truths presented are relevant to the subject of teenagers and aren't covered anywhere else in the course.

We are about to tap into the single most powerful verse in all the Bible on the blessing of God on your children.

ISAIAH 61:9

“Their descendents (_____) will be known (famous) among the nations and their offspring among the peoples. All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the Lord has blessed.”

What is the FOUNDATION of PARENTING?

Two Options

<p>I must do a _____ !</p>	<p>My children are _____ !</p>
<p>You have said this to yourself a thousand times. This is the most unchristian, nonChristlike, worldly mindset you can have. Romans 12:3 says we have to renew our minds, or get <u>new mindsets</u>.</p>	<p>Remember what Jesus did <u>not</u> do when the children came to Him:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instruct the children • Play with the children • Correct or rebuke the children • Affirm or encourage the children • Try to build character into the children <p style="text-align: right;">He did one thing: He _____ them!</p>

Which is the most important thing in Parenting:
To **affirm** your children or to **discipline** them?

The Lord said: _____ .

WEEK # 5 CON'T

The Most Important Thing in Parenting:

_____ in the _____.

- The **most important gift** you ever give to your children is a belief and understanding that God's Word says that on the day they were born, there was a multicolored rainbow hue of _____ that went with them.
- When you have your faith in principles rather than putting your faith in the blessing, you never feel like you get it right.
- When you believe, "My kids are blessed", you'll do all the correcting and affirming you need, but it will be birthed out of "My kids are blessed".

I must do a GOOD JOB!	My children are BLESSED!
<p>1. It is _____ responsibility to make sure my child does well and turns out ok! - it's scary how self-focused the world's focus is.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CONTROL: you <u>have</u> to become controlling when you have this mindset. ➤ Taking responsibility on yourself and being controlling are the _____. 	<p>1. I am part of a _____!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Head of the Team - _____. ➤ Second in Command – not the _____. ➤ It's _____. ➤ You're not in the top 10. God is the coach, your child is the quarterback, parents are blocking fullbacks. ➤ Each individual will answer to God for himself. ➤ (Examples). ➤ Who else is part of the team? Teachers, Siblings, Their Friends, Parents' Friends, Grandparents
<p>2. You preach to your kids that you will get what you _____!</p>	<p>2. You preach to your kids that you will get _____ than you deserve!</p>
<p>3. The word that sums up your face: _____!</p>	<p>3. The word that sums up your face: _____!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Isaiah 61: - there are fifteen places where the primary message is _____. ➤ What is a crown of beauty? A _____.
<p>4. How do you respond when your child does NOT do well? I have _____.</p>	<p>4. How do you respond when your child does NOT do well? OK Coach, _____?</p>

Jessie Duplantis said

“How do you know when faith is working?

When you _____.”

* Story of Shirley Brown *

WEEK # 5 CON'T
TEENAGERS PART 5
THE FOUNDATION OF PARENTING
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The Next Questions Are For Parents of Teenagers (or soon to be Teenagers)

1) What are the main truths you learned from Isaiah 61:9 as it applies to Parenting? _____

2) Which of the two mindsets about parenting come closest to your mindset? What

3) adjustments do you need to make in your thinking? _____

4) How much faith do you have that your kids are blessed? What can you do to increase your faith? _____

The Next Question Is For Everyone

5) Summarize the main things you learned in the Teenagers Series. _____

TEENAGERS COURSE

ANSWERS

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God	Parents	Civil	Husbands
Pastors	Employer	Fear	Anger
Human	limited	parents	parents
zero			

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responsibility	constant	Transfer	Authority
extension	God's	purpose	discipline
friendship	disciplines	friendship	friends

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danger	most blunt man	equal	exceed
you	responsibility	best	

TEENAGERS COURSE PART 2 THE DEFINITION OF A CHILD

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child	age	adult	age
11 or 12	self-identity	your own attitudes	your attitudes
shoved	increase	second chance	grow up
forced responsibility			

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Graciousness	Money	money	Attitude
child	your attitude	embitter	higher level
myself	father	mother	children
Mutual Accountability		reach	Tone of voice

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in your kids	ignored	praise	frustration
selfishness	they want to	sweet	miss
sweetness			

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Purpose	Passions	Priorities	church
8-10	5		

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My children	good job	blessed	blessed
Neither one			

TEENAGERS COURSE ANSWERS *Continued*

PART 5 THE FOUNDATION OF PARENTING *Continued*

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Faith

blessing

favor

I must do a <u>GOOD JOB!</u>	My children are <u>BLESSED!</u>
1. my same thing	1. team God parents your child
2. deserve	2. better
3. worried	3. cheerful cheerfulness smile
4. failed	4. what's the plan?