

Spiritual Parenting Goals

To give our children:

- An ongoing affection and understanding of who the **Lord Jesus Christ** is in their own lives (see *Apocalypse Explained* 803).
- An affection for, a knowledge of, and a belief in, the **Lord's Word** and the ability to read it with understanding and delight (see *Divine Providence* 172:6).
- A delight in and a knowledge of the reality of the **spiritual world** and its parts (see *Arcana Coelestia* 5135:3).
- An affection for and a knowledge of **true marriage** (see *Conjugal Love* 49).
- A developing knowledge of how to live a **life of charity** and morality and opportunities to practice it (see *Arcana Coelestia* 2831:1 and *True Christian Religion* 443).
- An affection for and a knowledge of the important role public and private **worship** play in their lives (see *Arcana Coelestia* 1798.3).
- An understanding and delight in the forms and uses of **prayer** (see *Arcana Coelestia* 5135:3).
- A knowledge of **the church**, its role in their lives, and an understanding and appreciation for those of the universal church (see *Apocalypse Explained* 313:3).
- A desire and an ability to **spread the good news** of the Lord's Word (see *Influx* 18).
- A sense of their place in the stream of **Providence** and an awareness of the Lord's continual provision for their needs (see *Arcana Coelestia* 8455).

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