

## Life Unleashed Cheerleading the Future

Introduction - Many children are growing up in our world unprotected and headed for **TROUBLE** but no one seems to notice!

Example: Mother's Day for Michael Murray and his two children.

- It is high time to encourage our children in these crucial areas!

### I. Give Focused **ATTENTION** - Colossians 3:21

- Our society is seeing the results of absentee fathers and busy mothers
- Give each child a day and hour that belong to them
- Bedtime provides opportunity to converse, encourage and pray with children

### II. Give Individual **AFFIRMATION** - Proverbs 22:6

- We must study and understand the uniqueness of each child; remove comparisons
- Teach or train up means "palate of roof of mouth" - Job 34:3; Psalm 119:103
- Parents should cultivate a hunger, desire or taste for spiritual things

### III. Give **APPRECIATION** - Colossians 3:21

- Catch them doing right things and recognize it, appreciate it and praise it!

### IV. Give Physical **AFFECTION**

- Hugs: yes; kisses: yes; laughing together: Absolutely!

Conclusion - May we be the parents God's **GRACE** can enable us to be.