



1. Embrace a biblical vision for the faith of the next generation.

Summary: Having a vision is crucial for discipleship of children and youth. As a vision-oriented leader you consider where you are going—clarifying your goals—and then you carefully develop and implement an intentional plan in pursuing those goals. By having a long-term vision one can more effectively develop a discipleship strategy that evaluates every program, activity, curriculum, and resource in terms of the greater vision.

Application for church:

- Develop a cradle to graduation discipleship vision for your church and evaluate your programming according to your vision.
- Acquaint the parents in your church with your discipleship vision.
- If your church has a child dedication service, use this as an opportunity to inspire the parents and congregation with a vision for discipling the next generation.

Application for home:

- Using the Bible, develop a biblical vision for where you want to lead the children in your home (i.e. might be able to “rightly handle the word of truth”; “set their minds on things above rather than things on the earth”; “not only look to his own interests, but also to the interests of others”
- Ask yourself questions to determine where to invest your discipleship efforts—e.g. What verses do I want them to have memorized? What kind of husband/wife do I want my child to be? How do I want my him to handle suffering—a miscarriage, illness, loss of a job, etc.?

Resources:

- A Vision for the Discipleship of the Next Generation:
<https://www.truth78.org/training?training=763>
- *Indestructible Joy for the Next Generations:*
<https://www.truth78.org/indestructible-joy-for-the-next-generations>