

## Why do we give the gifts we give?

1. Some gifts meet a basic \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Some gifts thrill their \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Some gifts quiet the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Some gifts make you a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Some gifts \_\_\_\_\_ their friends.
6. Some gifts change their \_\_\_\_\_.

## How to give your children the five gifts that money can't buy.



Teach them to \_\_\_\_\_ well.

A theology of suffering:

- Life is hard, but God is \_\_\_\_\_! Psalm 84:11  
John 16:33
  
- Life is unjust, but God is \_\_\_\_\_! Romans 8:28  
Luke 13
  
- Old Testament roots Genesis 37-50
  
- Biblical profiles – Joseph, Jesus Genesis 50:20
  
- New Testament command  

<sup>18</sup> *Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.*

<sup>19</sup> *For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.*

<sup>20</sup> *For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God.*

<sup>21</sup> *For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps...*

1 Peter 2:18-21 (NASB)

*Priceless: Learning to \_\_\_\_\_ through suffering*

1. Teach them to face it; to identify what they are \_\_\_\_\_ about.
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ honestly about it together. Psalm 145:18
  
3. Help them to share \_\_\_\_\_ they are suffering with someone they trust.
  
4. Help them align specific \_\_\_\_\_ with their specific situation.
  - Negative Circumstances James 1:2-4
  - Persecution 2 Timothy 3:12
  - Bad Choices Galatians 6:7-8
  - Spiritual Warfare Ephesians 6:10-12
  - Character Development Hebrews 12:11
  
- **Life Message:** \_\_\_\_\_ is normal! Hebrews 5:7-8

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What was your first reaction to the statement – "Teach them to suffer well?" Explain your answer.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Which of the following unhealthy responses to suffering are you or your children most prone to follow:
  - blame others
  - go into denial
  - anger/bitterness
  - develop a victim mentality
  - give up
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What is the most difficult internal or external issue you are facing in your life right now? Which of the application steps would most help you grow through your suffering? How will you model applying this step for your children? Grand children?