

I asked moms..."If you could only teach your children 3 lessons, what would they be?"  
Here are 20 answers to that question...but fun and serious! ...and they are in no particular order.

1. *Put all your trust and faith in the Lord...Love God*

**Proverbs 11:28 (NIV)**

*Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.*

**Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)**

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;  
in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.*

2. *LISTEN to your parents and grandparents...they have been there, you know!*
3. *Live by the Golden Rule*

**Matthew 7:12 (NIV)**

*So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.*

4. *God has a Purpose for you....Remember who you are and who your Heavenly Father wants you to be.*

**Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)**

*For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

**Psalms 139:15-17 (NIV)**

*My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!*

5. *Forgive others ...If you don't learn to forgive, you will become what you hate*

**Matthew 6:14-15 (NIV)**

*For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.  
But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.*

6. *Live with a Thankful Heart*

**Colossians 3:15 (NIV)**

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.*

**Psalms 100:4-5 (NIV)**

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

7. *Love other people...Live at peace with all men... as much as possible – Let others know that you love them*

**Romans 12:17-18 (NIV)**

*Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody.  
If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*

8. *Never lick a steak knife*

9. *Don't fry bacon naked*

10. *Don't kiss by the garden gate; love is blind but the neighbors ain't!!!!*

11. *Everyone is Responsible for their actions*

**Luke 12:2-3 (NIV)**

*There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.  
What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs.*

12. *Trust and obey God's Word...learn to have a Biblical Worldview*

**2 Timothy 4:1-5 (NIV)**

*In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.*

13. *Learn to be Content*

**1 Timothy 6:6-8(NIV)**

*But godliness with contentment is great gain.  
For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.  
But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.*

**Philippians 4:11-13 (NIV)**

*I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.*

14. *If you don't have something nice to say, then don't say anything at all.*

**Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)**

*Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.*

**Proverbs 10:19 (NIV)**

*When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise.*

15. *What is right is not always popular, and what is popular is not always right*

**Romans 12:2 (NIV)**

*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

16. *Happiness is not having what you want, but wanting what you have*

**Hebrews 13:5 (NIV)**

*Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."*

17. *A smart person learns from their mistakes. A wise person learns from someone else.*

18. *You never have to be afraid to do what is right*

**Isaiah 41:13 (NIV)**

*For I am the LORD, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.*

19. *Be True to Yourself*

20. *Honesty is the best policy*

**Philippians 4:8-9(NIV)**

*Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.*

**Leviticus 19:35-36(NIV)**

*"Do not use dishonest standards when measuring length, weight or quantity. Use honest scales and honest weights.. I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt.*