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A FINAL REFLECTION

# Growing Up Alongside Our Children

## A Reflection on Parenting and Sanctification

As we come to the end of these lessons, there is one more truth worth remembering: raising children is not only about helping them grow into healthy, loving, and responsible adults. It is also an opportunity for us to grow.

Few relationships challenge us quite like parenting. Our children depend on us, and our love for them calls us to develop patience, humility, self-control, compassion, and wisdom. Along the way, we will make mistakes. We may recognize weaknesses in ourselves, confront attitudes we need to change, and discover that we still have much to learn.

But when we approach parenting with genuine love and a willingness to grow, even our mistakes can become opportunities for greater understanding, forgiveness, and maturity.

This, too, is part of sanctification. As we seek to guide our children toward Christlike character, God can use the very experience of raising them to refine our own character.

> ***We are not simply raising our children. In many ways, we are growing up alongside them.***

And perhaps one of the greatest gifts we can give our children is not the example of a perfect parent, but the example of a parent who continues to learn, to acknowledge mistakes, to seek forgiveness, and to grow in love.

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