



**Keswick
Ministries**
HEARING BECOMING SERVING

Raising grateful children: Let's aim for their hearts

Ed Drew: Seminar 1

HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE

This is the first of two seminars. You can watch the seminars on your own or with your church, small group, or friends. A handout for the seminar series is available online: <https://tinyurl.com/5n6rpsya>. The questions/reflections below may help you discuss and work through how to apply what you've learnt to your own life. Start the video and then pause it when suggested to look at the question(s).

WATCH THE VIDEO:

[Seminar 1:](#)
<https://tinyurl.com/3ax2t66y>

SEMINAR OUTLINE

This seminar begins with a 'big picture' view of Christian parenting and then looks at how we can cultivate heart-felt gratitude in our children.

QUESTIONS

Watch video and pause at 13:16 minutes

1. Deuteronomy 6:4-9 calls us to love God wholeheartedly and 'impress' this command on our children. Depending on the age of our children, how can we do this?
2. How do children learn our priorities?

Restart video at 13:16 minutes (<https://tinyurl.com/muyj9d2e>) and pause at 17:49 minutes

3. Ephesians 6:1-4 promises long life for obedient children. Clearly that is not always true today so how should we understand these verses?

Restart video at 17:49 minutes (<https://tinyurl.com/pkcpb5aa>) and pause at 29:52 minutes

4. In what practical ways can we be involved in the spiritual process of changing our children's hearts so that they *feel* rather than merely *act* grateful? Look at Luke 6:43-45.

Restart video at 29:52 minutes (<https://tinyurl.com/3xjahx87>) and pause at 35:28 minutes

5. How does our relationship with God, particularly our thankfulness that he is the giver of all good gifts (James 1:7), help us parent well?

Restart video at 35:28 minutes (<https://tinyurl.com/56afmtyr>) and watch until the end

6. 'Above all, to be a Christian parent is to trust God with our children today and eternally' (Ed Drew). What are you trusting God about for your children at this point in their lives?





**Keswick
Ministries**
HEARING BECOMING SERVING

Raising grateful children: Let's aim for their hearts

Ed Drew: Seminar 1

REFLECTION/PRAYER

- 'God has handpicked the children I need to make me more godly' (Ed Drew). Discuss with your spouse or a close friend how God is using your children to challenge your sinful attitudes and behaviour. With the Holy Spirit's help, how will you respond well and grow in godliness in this phase of life?
- Spend time with your spouse or friend praying for your children and the particular challenges they and you are facing. Praise God that you can entrust your children to One who loves them far more than you do. Pray that the gospel would take deep root in their hearts - changing their behaviour, giving them a robust framework to navigate life, filling them with peace now and hope for the future. Pray too that you would receive God's good gifts of grace, strength, forgiveness and joy so that you can parent with a Christ-filled heart.
- Look at the resources available on the Faith in Kids website (www.faithinkids.org) including their podcasts for parents and the whole family.
- For family devotions, use 'Meals with Jesus' or 'The wonder of Easter' by Ed Drew.

