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Lesson 12

Caring About Others

“Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.”

Romans 15:2

Some kids care about others naturally; others need more direction and experience in this area. I often have good intentions with less follow-through than I would like—so I’ve asked my kids to help me with this. Together, our family is on the lookout for ways to help people close to us, especially our next-door neighbors. Every time we see a neighbor, we wave or stop to talk for a moment. We bake or buy a little extra and share it with neighbors. We share from our garden and remember neighbors with Christmas cards. If we see a neighbor raking leaves or shoveling snow, we often grab a rake or shovel and help for a little while. When they share about illnesses or family problems, we pray with them and for them. The great thing is that my kids often remind me, instead me reminding them. I tell my kids, **When we care about others, we encourage them and build them up.** We all need that!

Try This:

Some children are overly sensitive to others and their pain. This can cause them to worry excessively or to want to give away everything they own! It’s a good impulse, but one practice that helps kids not respond out of panic or oversensitivity is prayer. Our family always prays together about the situation first, giving the problem and its solution to God. This helps kids realize that we should go to God for everything and also that God is able to handle big problems and help in ways we cannot. Then we ask Him for wisdom to do what is best for them and for provision to help us do what He tells us to do.