

What we can give our children as spiritual parents

- an ongoing affection and understanding of who the **Lord Jesus Christ** is in their own lives (see *Apocalypse Explained* 803)
- an affection for, a knowledge of, and a belief in, the **Lord's Word** and the ability to read it with understanding and delight (see *Divine Providence* 172:6)
- a delight in and a knowledge of the reality of the **spiritual world** and its parts (see *Arcana Coelestia* 5135:3)
- an affection for and a knowledge of **true marriage** (see *Conjugal Love* 49)
- a developing knowledge of how to live a **life of charity** and morality and opportunities to practice it (see *Arcana Coelestia* 2831:1 and *True Christian Religion* 443)
- an affection for and a knowledge of the important role public and private **worship** play in their lives (see *Arcana Coelestia* 1798.3)
- an understanding and delight in the forms and uses of **prayer** (see *Arcana Coelestia* 5135:3)
- a knowledge of **the church**, its role in their lives, and an understanding and appreciation for those of the universal church (see *Apocalypse Explained* 313:3)
- a desire and an ability to **spread the good news** of the Lord's Word (see *Influx* 18)
- a sense of their place in the stream of **Providence** and an awareness of the Lord's continual provision for their needs (see *Arcana Coelestia* 8455)

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