


Looking Up and Down a Stairway

*Every person is in freedom of choice either to look upward to God or downward to hell.
(see True Christian Religion 69:3)*

For families who would like to give their children a concrete illustration of the way to heaven, we offer this idea suggested by a mother with children ranging from preschool to high school age. The idea is that the good qualities help us look to the Lord and walk the path toward heaven, while negative qualities turn us away from the Lord.

- ◆ Write each angelic quality on a separate index card and attach them to the risers of a stairway. 
- ◆ Write the opposites of each angelic quality on separate index cards and attach them to the tops of steps so that you can read them as you walk down the stairs.
- ◆ From the bottom of the stairway looking up, all you can see (read) are the heavenly qualities.
- ◆ From the top looking down, all you can see are the hellish qualities.

Some Suggestions for Angelic Qualities and Their Opposites:

Appreciation	Complaining
Helping	Hurting
Kind words for others	Criticism
Love	Hate
Thinking about the Lord	Thinking only about oneself
Gracious	“Prickly”
Cheerful	Grouchy
Kindness	Meanness
Usefulness	Laziness
Courage	Fear
Forgiveness	Blame
Obeying parents	Disobeying parents
Honesty	Telling lies
Being happy for others	Jealousy
Sharing	Stealing