Parents – You Can Raise Good Children Duane M. Lawrence Associate Pastor

"Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God...." Isaiah 41:10

- I. Attitude Adjustment Philippians 4:6 Start with a positive attitude (I can)
- II. You are the Boss Psalm 37:5 Establish firm, clear boundaries Learn to say "No" in love
- III. Deal with overload Psalm 34:1 Manage time wisely Others are willing to help
- IV. You are one person doing the best you can I Corinthians 15:10 Doing the job of two You are a team – work together
- V. Create a stable, nurturing home I John 4:7 Children need stability and security Tell them how much you love them
- VI. Establish schedules and predictable routines Colossians 3:17 Be flexible Seek a healthy balance
- VII. Take care of yourself I Corinthians 6:19
  Ask other single parents for help
  Pay close attention to diet, stress management, exercise, sleep habits
- VIII. Develop a reliable support system Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 For emotional support For emergencies Choose caring, reliable, trustworthy people
- IX. Your children are not your peer I Corinthians 13:11

Do not confide in your children as though he/she is your peer Seek other adults for support

- 2 Parents ...
  - X. Have realistic expectations Philippians 4:12-13 Focus on success not failure Set realistic goals Decide what is really important Have family meetings regularly Solve family problems together