



# #life

a message series  
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## PARENTING – PART 1

Oct 20, 2019 • Pastor Gregg Matte • Proverbs 3:1-5 (p. 354 in CSB provided or at [proverbs.bible](http://proverbs.bible))

- ▶ **Aim for their** \_\_\_\_\_ . *Psalm 19:7, 37:3*

The result: Following Jesus from the heart results in a \_\_\_\_\_.

- ▶ **Build a family** \_\_\_\_\_ **through love (loyalty) and faithfulness.** *Proverbs 20:6, Ecclesiastes 4:9-10*

- The most important team is the \_\_\_\_\_ team.

- Ask two questions about activities:

1. Is our family team \_\_\_\_\_ or hindered by our kids' activities?
2. What's the \_\_\_\_\_?

- Screens: can promote family isolation, not interaction.

- Three choices of "when": 1. Talk and text, 2. Internet browser, 3. Social media

- So how do we build Team \_\_\_\_\_? (Insert your family's last name.)

**T**ime – Love them with your calendar.

**E**xperiences – Have fun.

**A**ttitude – The best story is written here.

**M**ission – Cross cultural service and life on purpose.

The result: Favor and \_\_\_\_\_ with God and man. *Luke 2:52*

- ▶ **Teach** \_\_\_\_\_ **in the Lord with** \_\_\_\_\_ **your heart.**

- The result: God will direct your paths!



### CELL PHONE CONTRACT

To download, visit [HoustonFirst.org](http://HoustonFirst.org) and click on the #life message series page or search "Cell Phone Contract." A link will also be posted with the message video later this week.



### GROW AT HOME APP

Provided by the NextGen Team at Houston's First, this toolbox for parents is full of resources that focus on a specific topic for the year. To download, go to the App Store or Google Play Store and search "Grow At Home."

# Cell Phone Contract

This cell phone contract is between \_\_\_\_\_ and his/her parent(s):

## Student Responsibilities

1. I understand that having a cell phone is a privilege and if I fail to adhere to this contract, my cell phone privilege may be revoked.
2. I understand my phone belongs to my parent(s). The rules and appropriate usage are determined by my parent(s).
3. I will not be on my phone while our family is spending time together unless I ask permission.
4. I will not send gossip, rude, or mean texts to others.
5. I will not text or place phone calls after 9 p.m. without permission. At that time my phone is placed in the charger or given to my parent(s).
6. I will always keep my phone charged.
7. I will not bring my cell phone to the family dinner table.
8. I will not go over our plan's monthly minutes or text message limits. If I do, I understand that I may be responsible for paying any additional charges or that I may lose my cell phone privileges.
9. I understand that I am responsible for knowing where my phone is, and for keeping it in good condition.
10. I understand that my cell phone may be taken away if I talk back to my parent(s), I fail to do my chores, or I fail to keep my grades up.
11. I will seek to be respectful and polite in public places. I will make sure my phone is turned off or on mute/vibrate when I am in church, in restaurants, school, or quiet settings.
12. I will obey any rules my school has regarding cell phones, such as turning them off during class or keeping them on vibrate.
13. I promise I will alert my parent(s) when I receive suspicious or alarming phone calls or text messages.
14. I will not send embarrassing or inappropriate photos of my family, friends, or myself to others. In addition, I will not use my camera's phone to take embarrassing or inappropriate photos of others or myself.
15. I understand that my phone is mainly for talk and text not the Internet.
16. I will always do my best to answer a call or reply to a text from my parent(s).
17. I understand I'm responsible for \_\_\_\_\_ of the monthly expense of my phone.
18. I understand my phone will not be a source of contention or fighting with my parent(s). If it is, my privileges may be revoked.

## Parent Responsibilities

1. We/I understand that we/I will be available to answer any questions you might have about owning a cell phone and using it responsibly.
2. We/I will support you when you alert us/me to an alarming message or text message you have received.
3. We/I will alert you if our/my cell phone plan changes and impacts the plan's minutes.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Child)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*This Cell Phone Contract includes language from a variety of documents found online, plus Pastor Gregg Matte's personal additions. A copy of the contract can be found at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) by searching "Cell Phone Contract." Pastor Gregg refers to this contract in his message from the #life series on Sun, Oct 20, 2019, called "Parenting: Part 1."*