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Parenting Tips

Teaching Honor In The Bathroom

The bathroom is an excellent place to work on honor. In part, honor means that people do more than what's expected. They look for things that need to be done and do them without being asked.

For a while, my (Scott) family had a sign by the light switch in our bathroom that read, "Is the bathroom ready for the next person?" All we were trying to do was get our children to turn around and look. Anyone else who walked by the bathroom could see what needed to be done.

Picking up the towel and taking out the dirty clothes were first on the list but we asked each child to think of one more thing to do to make the bathroom a little neater.

Did you remember put the new toilet paper on the roller? Is the sink clean? Are the towels hanging neatly? These are examples of ways that family members can show honor and they probably won't get any credit or reward for them. This gave us the opportunity to teach our kids that if you do your acts of righteousness before men then you have received your reward, but if you do your acts of righteousness before God then God who sees in secret will reward you openly (Matthew 6:1-4).

God loves honor. Children benefit from learning it, and the bathroom is a great classroom.

This parenting tip comes from the book [Say Goodbye to Whining, Complaining, and Bad Attitudes, In You and Your Kids](#), by Dr. Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller, RN, BSN