

There is no better curriculum for equipping parents to "train up a child in the way he should go" than that of Growing Families International, and the outstanding basic teaching of Founders Gary and Anne Marie Ezzo's *Growing Kids God's Way*.

*Anchor Baptist Church* in Houston, Texas, has known and been directly involved with the Ezzos and their materials for over 10 years. I have personally spent time with the Ezzos (they have stayed in our home), and I can assure anyone that their hearts are in complete harmony with the heart of God.

Gary and Anne Marie Ezzo are of impeccable Christian character. They are encouragers, as well as teachers. And Gary's and Anne Marie's desire to help parents see their kids grow to be godly young men and women knows no bounds.

It would take me volumes to adequately speak to the impact the Ezzos' teachings have had on the families who have been under their tutelage at Anchor. Young boys and girls exhibiting the character and qualities most every parent in this world dream for in their children are a commonplace reality in the homes where biblically-balanced parenting such as is taught in *GKGW* is known and implemented.

My wife, Barbara, and I have seen a wonderful illustration of all their material in our daughter's lives and in our four grandkid's lives. I love it! Nothing makes grandparenting a bigger blessing than seeing what sound teaching in biblical ethics does in a grandkid's life. And to hear a grandchild agree with Grandpa, "We're working on that," or "We're the (Graffs, Hickmans), we (do/don't) do that" is simply beyond description.

Every teaching has critics. Gary and Anne Marie have theirs. I know pastors and church leaders who haven't wanted to "pay the price" of spending the time and energy to learn and then practice the concepts and applications of *GKGW*. And many have not even desired to check out the truth of the teachings versus the criticism. But it only takes me looking into a kid's eyes (if they will look me in the eyes!) or spending two minutes talking to and being around them to know whether their parents have been practicing biblical parenting such as is taught in *GKGW*.

With all my heart, I want to encourage you to support the efforts of the GFI ministry and Gary and Anne Marie Ezzo.

Sincerely in Christ,  
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