

CHARACTER BUILDING ~ PURPOSE

This week's Moola Monster character is Lupai Dez Hort. Lupai's character gift is purpose. How does a parent help a child understand the concept of purpose in their life. Just like last week's message on integrity, purpose is one of those concepts that are often difficult for us as parents to articulate to a child on their level. However, purpose may be one of the single most important concepts for your child to understand.

Moola Monsters was originally created because purpose in a young child's life has been all but stripped in how they see their role in the family. As a result our children are literally being raised with one real purpose... to be a consumer. The more I dig into the need for children to understand the concept of purpose the more I realize that a child's value system, self esteem, self concept is subject to their understanding of purpose. Ask yourself if a child who has healthy concept of purpose in their life would grow up to bully others, or overeat, or get hooked on drugs?

Just like so many character traits a child's concept of purpose in their life begins with their parents and their understanding of purpose in their own lives. Are you in touch with your purpose in the world? Have you really taken the time to consider yourself in relationship to purpose with your family, your friends/co-workers, or the strangers you meet? Your child's understanding of purpose will begin with you.

Here are a couple of thoughts on how to help your child understand their purpose:

- Talk to your child about your purpose in the world. For instance, I view my purpose in this world to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, and this what that means.... OR I view my purpose as a parent to be
- Give your child a role in the family. Give them a purpose. This may be to lead the family in dinner time prayer, or read his/her brother or sisters a book each night. By giving them identifying roles they will begin to develop a natural sense of purpose.
- Finally, praise your children in their effort. It will not always be perfect, but by uplifting them in their effort they will feel good about their purpose in life. Tell them how God has given them a purpose in their life and you can see it when they do

To know that God has placed us right where we are for His divine purpose in our lives is more fulfilling then any material possession can ever provide. Keep reaching out to your children. Do not let the fatigue of this world prevent you from helping your children understand their God given purpose.

Sincerely,

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