

# The Importance of Conscience and Moral Development for Our Next Generation

## 6 Ways To Teach Children About Conscience

### 1. Communicate with your children

- The best way to teach children about something is to informally talk about it when it naturally arises. For example, reading a book about a story, reading the news...etc
- Listen carefully to what your children has to say, because their words are a window into their heart. Listen to what they think is right and wrong

### 2. Encourage your children when they listen to their conscience

- Sometimes children are convinced that something is wrong when it is not inherently bad, and they might confess such a “sin” to you. For example, wearing shoes at home. How should you respond?
- Affirm your child for listening to their conscience and for sharing that with you. Encourage them. Praise them. Do not scold them
- Mark Dever says, “Conscience cannot make a wrong thing right, but it can make a right thing wrong.” Go on to help them recalibrate their conscience
- Conscience is a priceless gift that they must not ignore. It can be a warning system that saves them from great harm. Don’t ignore or suppress it