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Sermon Title: Family Matters – The Kids

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Big Idea/Sermon Focus:

My eldest daughter is looking to head off to uni next year. As she prepares to leave, I'm left with questions like 'how will she go living in a secular world?' and 'have I done my role as a parent to impart the character of Christ into her?'

Today we look at our responsibility when it comes to our kids – not just our biological children, but anyone whose lives we affect.

Key Scripture(s):

Malachi 4:6; 1 Peter 5:8; Luke 6:45

Questions:

- All we think, do, and say overflow from our character. Take a moment to reflect on your own personal character. How would you describe your own personal character?
 - If you have children, what defining characteristics would you use to describe them?
 - What aspect of Christ's character are you developing in your life?
- Regardless of marital status, number of dependants or even age, we all affect the lives of those around us (whether we're aware of it or not). Whose lives do you affect? – it could be people in your house, or at school or work, or a social or sporting group you're a part of.
 - What kind of affect are you having on those around you?
 - What kind of affect do you want to have on those around you?
 - What can you do to emulate God more through the way you live?
- Ultimately, this series (Family Matters) revolves around the core question: "What's my responsibility?" In today's discussion, we're looking at it through the lens of **"Are you the person you want others to be like?"**

Prayer:

Spend some time as a group thanking God for the opportunity that we have to invest into the lives of those around us. If people identified areas they wanted to change or grow in, support them in prayer as they seek God's help to change.