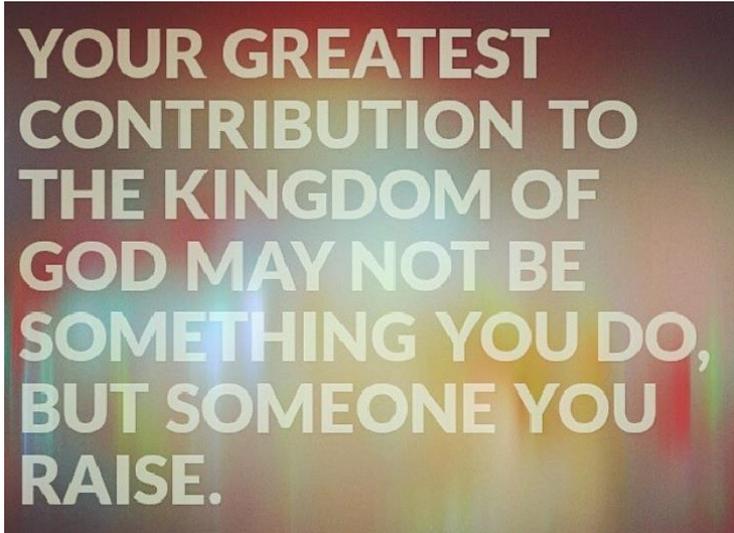


Louisa's thoughts for parents

There is a gentleman in the US called Andy Stanley. He founded North Point Ministries in Atlanta. He is not only a pastor but an inspirational speaker worldwide. One of his quotes states



**YOUR GREATEST
CONTRIBUTION TO
THE KINGDOM OF
GOD MAY NOT BE
SOMETHING YOU DO,
BUT SOMEONE YOU
RAISE.**

Have you ever been referred to as someone's wife, daughter, husband, or son? Have you just wanted to scream at the top of your voice, 'I have a name and I am a person in my own right?'

You won't be the only one who has felt that, I can almost guarantee. As soon as you are part of any family then you automatically become someone's possession whether you like it or not. In our society stating that we are someone's possession can mean that an individual is negatively controlled and they are not allowed to be their own person, with their own views, needs and life. The dictionary definition is 'the state of having, owning, or controlling something.' Having possessions, we are told, often does not mean happiness, it can mean that someone controls something else whether that be a person or a country. But actually we need to look at the word from another perspective.

Think of a possession that you cherish. Think of the words that you sometimes hear about an object or photo that someone has. If you have ever watched 'The Repair Shop' on BBC then you will know what I mean. Phrases such as 'this photograph is among my most prized possessions'; 'I cherish this postcard from my grandparents as it reminds me of their love'; 'this teddy my grandfather gave me, although battered and bruised, is one of my most treasured possessions.' We attach great importance to possessions because they mean so much, they bring back memories, and they remind us of loved ones. Sometimes we have to let go of them because they have fallen apart or get lost in a house move, but the memory is still there.

You might be someone's wife, daughter, husband or son, but it means that you are also loved and cherished. Your children are proud to call you their mum or dad. It doesn't mean that you have lost your identity. To your children the most important thing is that you are there for them. You could be the prime minister, but to your children you are the best parent. We might want to change the world or be acknowledged for something we have achieved, but all too often we forget that our biggest achievement is being a parent and giving our children love, guidance and opportunities.

When I was younger I remember being referred to as 'Frank's daughter.' I used to think, I do have a name you know, but as I got older Frank is often referred to as 'Louisa's dad.' Is this payback? Of course not, it just proves that as a parent he did 'what was written on the packet' and more. In life we all have people that have been part of our growing up who have made an important difference, whether that be parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers, or friends, support workers, or sports coaches. Someone has made a positive contribution to our lives. The baton has now passed to us to contribute to the Kingdom of God. As a church we are one big family. We may not all have the same surname or background but we can all be there to make a positive contribution to someone's life.

And parents.. you are doing a great job, but remember we are all here for you.

Louisa's thoughts for the young people

I am so, so excited. Tomorrow is the first day of our Summer Holiday Club. We will be on YouTube at 9am to share with you games, challenges, activities and fun.

Are you signed up yet? If not get your adults to email me louisa.adams@stpaulscamb.co.uk

All the resources you need will be on the website as well as the Children and Families Group on Facebook.



One of the best parts of holiday club are the jokes that everyone tells me.

I thought that I would share some jokes with you. The deal is you send me some of yours as they will be much better than mine. Just send them to me louisa.adams@stpaulscamb.co.uk

**What do you
call a cheese that's
not yours?**

Nacho cheese!

**Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Scold.
Scold who?
Scold outside,
let me in!**

**What did the buffalo
say when his little boy
left for school?**

Bison!

Why was 6 afraid of 7?

Because 7, 8, 9!

**Why do vampires seem
sick all the time?**

Because they're always
coffin!

**How can you make a
tissue dance?**

Put a little boogie in it!

I told you they were bad. Let's hope they are better on Monday!!!!