Why do we give the gifts we give?

1. Some gifts meet a basic ________________.

2. Some gifts thrill their ________________.

3. Some gifts quiet the ________________.

4. Some gifts make you a ________________.

5. Some gifts ________________ their friends.

6. Some gifts change their ________________.

How to give your children the five gifts that money can’t buy.

Teach them to __________________________ well.
A theology of suffering:

- Life is hard, but God is ________________!  
  Psalm 84:11  
  John 16:33

- Life is unjust, but God is ________________!  
  Romans 8:28  
  Luke 13

- Old Testament roots  
  Genesis 37-50

- Biblical profiles – Joseph, Jesus  
  Genesis 50:20

- New Testament command

  18 Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.

  19 For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.

  20 For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God.

  21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps…

  1 Peter 2:18-21 (NASB)
1. Teach them to face it; to identify what they are ______________________ about.

2. ______________________ honestly about it together. Psalm 145:18

3. Help them to share ___________________ they are suffering with someone they trust.

4. Help them align specific ___________________ with their specific situation.
   - Negative Circumstances
   - Persecution
   - Bad Choices
   - Spiritual Warfare
   - Character Development

➢ Life Message: ______________________ is normal! Hebrews 5:7-8
Discussion Questions:

1. What was your first reaction to the statement – "Teach them to suffer well?" Explain your answer.

2. Which of the following unhealthy responses to suffering are you or your children most prone to follow:
   - blame others
   - go into denial
   - anger/bitterness
   - develop a victim mentality
   - give up

3. What is the most difficult internal or external issue you are facing in your life right now? Which of the application steps would most help you grow through your suffering? How will you model applying this step for your children? Grand children?