

Parenting BY THE BOOK

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TRUE or FALSE?

The Word of God is sufficient to prepare and equip me to parent my children well.

"The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right. It is God's way of making us well prepared at every point, fully equipped to do good to everyone" (2 Timothy 3:16, 17, LB).

- I need specific parenting skills
- "Advice" in the Bible seems a bit outdated
- I'm human and sometimes sinful

We do not consider and apply the principles in THE BOOK because of our rightness but because of the truth and authority of this book.

THEY AREN'T YOURS!

"Ownership parenting is motivated and shaped by what parents want for their children and from their children." - Paul Tripp

Ownership Parents

- My vision
- My definition of success
- My reputation

Stewards - We have been given responsibility and authority.

Ambassadors - We represent God to our children.

WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU?

What are your values?

Are the things I value getting in the way of me fulfilling the role of parent that God has called me to?

God values children!

- Now
- Potential

KEEP THE END IN MIND...

Intentions—mental determination to achieve a specific result

Intentionality—the ability to maintain an attitude of purposefulness and the commitment necessary to take right actions

IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU!

Consecrate yourself.

- "Fill the hand"

Engage with God.

- Pursue relationship with God

Practice self-denial.

- Say "no" to the ego
- Give up some things for the greater good

Respond with mercy.

- Shower your children with grace.
- Grace is not calling wrong right.
- Help your children understand the heart behind behavior.
- Point your kids to Jesus every day.
- Determine that the Word of God will have a place of importance in your family's life.
- Pray - "Parenting really is all about praying without ceasing from before you children are born to long, long after they leave home." - Paul Tripp

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"Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful" (Joshua 1:8).



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