

Parenting

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What we would like to share with you...

Importance of the World View being taught

Goals in Parenting

10 Actions Kids Need from Caring Adults

Thoughts on Tech use

Some things to remember in the Child Development Phases

Giving Your Child a Purpose / Some Encouragement

Icebreaker

Growing up...

- What was the worst clothing style choice you ever made?
- What was the worst haircut you ever had?
- Favorite seasonal activity or memory
- Favorite teacher ever and why
- Favorite family tradition
- Favorite thing you did with your dad or mom

Break Out Groups

Questions to Explore...

- What is something you think you would do well as a parent?
- What is an area you would like to improve before becoming a parent?
- What are some of the greatest difficulties you feel parents face today?

(You may not be currently parenting, but apply the questions to where you are today)

Parenting 101

**BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND! BE
INTENTIONAL NOT REACTIVE!**

Psalm 90:12

Teach us the brevity of life, that we may grow in wisdom.

NLT

**“You cannot raise your
children as your
parents raised you,
because your parents
raised you for a world
that no longer exists.”**

You may parent even if you don't have kids of your own!

- *Volunteer / Mentor*
- *Teacher / Coach*
- *Offering help to single parents*
- *Help with other family members*
- *Foster care*
- *Adoption*

Just for thought...

- Between 1960 and 2016, the percentage of children living in families with two parents decreased from 88 to 69. Of those 50.7 million children living in families with two parents, 47.7 million live with two married parents and 3.0 million live with two unmarried parents.
- During the 1960-2016 period, the percentage of children living with only their mother nearly tripled from 8 to 23 percent and the percentage of children living with only their father increased from 1 to 4 percent. The percentage of children not living with any parent increased slightly from 3 to 4 percent.

Secular vs. Biblical World View

Secular

- Ever changing
 - Discipline, Psychology, Spiritual, Gender
- Only as good as Parental Effort
- Success oriented
- Haphazard

Biblical

- Constant / Consistent
 - Scripturally directed
- Supernatural help and guidance
- Christ-centered
- Intentional

Who Shapes a Child's Worldview?

1. Parents
2. Other Family Members, typically Grandparents
3. Teachers / Coaches
4. Friends / Media
5. Pastors / Religious Leaders

Several Things in Teaching a Biblical World View

1. Pray for your children
2. Be united as parents
3. Model for your children
4. Helping Children Develop a Love for the Bible
5. Helping them understand the Authority of Scripture
6. Trusting the Sufficiency of Scripture
7. Help Children Learn how to live according to God's Word
8. Help a Child Develop a Biblical Worldview utilizing Colossians 2

Colossians 2: 8-10

8 Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ.

9 For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body.

10 So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.

NLT

Philippians 1:9-10...

“⁹And this is my prayer; that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.”

NIV

Teach the Bible's Big Story

1. Creation - Where did the world come from?

God made the world good.

2. Rebellion – What is wrong with the world?

Sin made the world groan.

3. Salvation – What is the answer for sin?

Jesus paid the penalty for sin.

4. Restoration – What happens at the end of the story?

God will make the world new.

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Confidence...

The goal here is to help them learn to have a healthy confidence that they can feel good about themselves. You want them to know who they are because of **Whose** they are and obviously not become arrogant.

Psalm 139:14 says...

“I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful. I know that full well

NIV

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Character ...

- You want to help them develop a moral compass to guide them in their decisions, values and integrity.
- You want them to have a Christ Like Character, that to become like Christ. This is best caught than taught, it's your model.

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Convictions...

- This is to convey beliefs.
- Beliefs are based on, what you feel and what you say.
- These also are something that is more caught than taught.

Note that... (Convictions shape true character.)

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Compassion...

- This is to help them learn how to have a Loving concern for those who are marginalized. You want to help them take the focus off of themselves.

Philippians 2:3-4

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also in the interest of others.”

But in doing so you also want to keep in mind...

Ephesians 6:4

“Fathers do not exasperate your children, instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”

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Competence...

- You want your child to be able to accomplish what they are asked to do. So, they must believe in themselves. You can do this by encouraging them.

This goes hand in hand with Confidence. Building confidence leads to having competence.

10 Actions Kids Need from Parents

1. Strong belief in your role as a parent
2. Ongoing affection
3. Encouraging words
4. Serious fun
5. Delicate Discipline
6. Activate responsibility
7. Positive memories
8. Consistent presence
9. Role models
10. Peaceful homes

Tech Use ...

- Children use icons before reading or learning numbers and alphabet.
- “Hard-Wiring” in the formative years (Age 1-5 with frontal development continuing into the teen years)
- Nature Deficit Disorder (Children spend 50% less time outdoors than parents did)
- Addiction Issues

Tech Use ...

- Absence of boundaries, monitoring (can constitute neglect)
- Consider cumulative use of all media forms
- Raising “infantile adults” who are also being exposed prematurely to harmful input / sin.

We would like to encourage you to...

HAVE A PLAN! Make adjustments by age and earned responsibility.

Child Development Phases / *Parents Role*

Some Things to remember (What are my expectations?)...

Roles are... age and maturity dependent.

Personality profiles / Love Languages factor heavily.

Responsible parents work themselves out of their job as they move through these phases.

Child Development Phases / *Parents Role*

- Caretaker
- Provider
- Protector
- Teacher
- Coach
- Mentor
- Disciplinarian
- Spiritual Development

Spiritual Development

Parents Role

- Your highest calling
- You are answerable before God
- No other church/school/coach/or family member bears your responsibility
- Children learn most from what they see versus what they hear...
(more is caught than taught!)
- We give time, energy, money and attention to sports, lessons, academics, and recreation when our BEST should be given to their Spiritual Growth.

Spiritual Development Couple Discussion

Parents Role

- Who has been the most influential person in your spiritual development? How did they help you?

Was it a...

- Parent or Someone else?

Give Your Child a Purpose

- Encourage them to work hard
- Set a high bar – make sure it is attainable
- Lead them to want to pursue a relationship with God.
- Look for opportunities for them to serve. Ie... Mission Opportunities, helping the elderly, helping at a food bank, serving in the church ministries
- Look for opportunities to give – Teach them stewardship of resources... time and money.
- Be... Loving, Sensible, Involved and Forgiving

What we have learned personally!

- The Formative Years, 1-5, are very important in hard wiring children.
- Work will always be there... we only get one chance in raising our children.
- It is important to make sacrifices on our part for our children.
- Involvement in church life is important. Help them learn the importance of being involved in the body of Christ.
- It is important to limit their activity involvement, you can't do everything.
- We need to be unified in our parenting and in our marriage.

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