

The Three Essential Phases of Parenting Our Children in the Disciplines and Truths of Our Lord

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Proverbs 22:6 Train a child in the way he should go ...

1. Parenting our children in the disciplines and truths of our Lord is a stewardship thing:

The spiritual discipline of stewardship is our privileged opportunity to be faithful managers of God's provisions for God's glory.

Psalms 127:3 Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.

2. Parenting our children in the disciplines and truths of our Lord is a daily thing:

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (NIV) Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

3. Parenting our children in the disciplines and truths of our Lord is an exposure thing:

Matthew 18:5-6 "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea."

4. Parenting our children in the disciplines and truths of our Lord is a Christ-centered thing:

Ephesians 6:1-4 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

5. Parenting our children in the disciplines and truths of our Lord is a sacrificial thing:

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Romans 12:9-10 Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

Ephesians 6:4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

6. Parenting our children in the disciplines and truths of our Lord is a communal thing:

Romans 12: 3-6 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them ...

Galatians 6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ

7. Parenting our children in the disciplines and truths of our Lord is a worship thing:

Colossians 3:20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

Phase #1: The Attention and Obedience Phase (Birth to Pre-School)

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Shepherding a Child's Heart by Tedd Tripp

Phase #2: The Foundation of Truth Phase (Pre-school to middle school)

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The Gospel Story Bible by Marty Machowski
(*The Old Story New*-NT, *Long Story Short*-OT)
The Word of Truth Catechism by M.J. Kirstine
Foundations by M.J. Kirstine
(Books 1-3 available now)

Phase #3: The Discipleship Phase (Salvation to adulthood)

1 Corinthians 11:1 Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Colossians 1:28 Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Growing up God's way by Dr. Chris Richards, Dr. Liz Jones
(*Books for boys and for girls)
What He Must Be by Voddie Bauchum
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