

## Parenting2-Intentional Discipling

### I. Introduction.

- A. What is the Great Omission in parenting?
  
- B. What are key takeaways from Appendix 1?
  
- C. Does discipleship happen just by hanging out with friends or family?

### II. Scripture.

- A. Every child is \_\_\_\_\_, even yours. Every child goes \_\_\_\_\_ when their heart, will, and actions are not spiritually shepherded to Christ. Every child can be eternally \_\_\_\_\_, and daily set \_\_\_\_\_ from sin and its consequences.
  - 1. **Rom. 3:23**—"*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*"
  - 2. **Isa. 53:6**—"*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way...*"
  - 3. **Rom. 6:22**—"*But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.*"
- B. Teach your child early the \_\_\_\_\_, which give wisdom to \_\_\_\_\_ them by faith in Christ.
  - 1. **2Ti. 3:15**—"*And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*"
  - 2. **2Ti. 3:16-17**—"*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*"
  - 3. **Isa. 28:9-10**—"*9-Whom shall He teach knowledge? And whom shall he make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. 10-For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little.*"
- C. Help your child \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. **Jos. 1:8**—"*This Book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate Therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is*

*written Therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."*

2. **Psa. 1:2**—"But his delight is in the Law of the LORD; and in his Law doth he meditate day and night."
- D. Parents, teach your children instant \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ God's authorities in their life.
1. **Eph. 6:1-3**—"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth."
  2. **Col. 3:20**—"Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well-pleasing unto the Lord."
  3. **Psa. 119:60**—"I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments."
- E. Fathers do not \_\_\_\_\_ your children or that might \_\_\_\_\_ them, but \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ them.
1. **Eph. 6:4**—"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."
  2. **Col. 3:21**—"Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged."
- F. Fathers you need to \_\_\_\_\_ your house, train children to \_\_\_\_\_ be in \_\_\_\_\_.
1. **1Ti. 3:4**—"One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity."
  2. **Psa. 119:6**—"Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments."
- G. Fathers/Husbands, \_\_\_\_\_ your child's mom, care for her, nourish and \_\_\_\_\_ her.
1. **Eph. 5:25**—"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it."
  2. **Eph. 5:28-29**—"28-So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. 29-For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church."
  3. **Eph. 5:33**—"Nevertheless, let every one of you in particular, so love his wife even as himself..."
- H. Moms, \_\_\_\_\_ your husbands and children, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ your husband; and primarily locate your heart and body in your \_\_\_\_\_.
1. **Tit. 2:4-5**—"4-That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, 5-To

*be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the Word of God be not blasphemed."*

2. **Eph. 5:33**—"...and the wife see that she reverence her husband."

I. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ covers a multitude of parenting sins.

1. **1Ti. 2:1-2**—"1-I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; 2-For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."

2. **Phm. 1:4**—"I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers."

3. **1Th. 5:17-18**—"17-Pray without ceasing. 18-In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

4. **1Pe. 4:8**—"And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins."

III. Application.

A. How do you think a parent can best intentionally disciple their child?

B. Which of the 9 intentional discipleship observations do you want to develop now (before, during, or after children)?

C. What other intentional discipling thoughts do you have for parents?

## Appendix 1

### Faith, Bible minor players in 'successful' parenting {red font mine}

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A study conducted by [LifeWay Research](#) finds that for most parents, the definition of success rarely includes faith in God -- even among parents who are evangelical Christians.

Twelve-hundred adults with children under 18 were contacted for the survey on the role of faith in parenting. In-depth results are included in the new book, *The Parent Adventure: Preparing Your Children for a Lifetime with God*, written by Rodney and Selma Wilson along with Scott McConnell.

According to the study, 25 percent of respondents said the most common definitions of successful parenting included children having good values; 25 percent defined successful parenting as their children being happy adults; and 22 percent said they would be successful parents if their kids found success in life.

Author Selma Wilson says while most parents want to be successful when it comes to parenting, most do not seek input from the most important resource. "Parents do not see the Bible as a key tool in how to parent," she laments. "And only...around 14 percent of parents equated success with a faith relationship with God."

The Bible gives clear direction to parents, says Wilson.

"All of life should be integrated faith," she exclaims. "We should talk about God all the time -- in a natural way, in a way that's just as common as getting up, going to bed, and doing life. That was the point that we wanted to make, and God's Word tells us how to do life."



The survey also found that 29 percent of Christians said faith was not among the most important influences on their parenting.