

→ disciplining kids —
→ giving up career to stay home & them
→ taking them to meetings

— of one child to another

Some thoughts on Parenting by this Old Woman

This is not easy to do because I remember with guilt and sadness - failures I wish I had been as knowledgeable and wise as 40 yrs of being a mother has made me. BUT no one starts being a mother with maturity + wisdom — we all have to learn as we grow in the Lord + experience

Here are some lessons I learned — and some principles I'm glad I implemented

(1) Disciple your children — with eternity in view consider each moment with your child as a gift from God — not to be wasted or taken for granted — Your child's life is critically affected by you — for good or bad — each day for those X no. of yrs. This is a very solemn realization + requires much prayer + vigilance + self discipline

(2) PRAYER lots of prayer — daily consistent for your spiritual growth, for help, for each child specifically — intercede with the Lord for your children. God honors praying parents — protects + covers their children + helps often.

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This is not meant to be a list of names but with guilt and responsibility I wish I had been a better parent and wife. NO self-pity or mother hen. BUT we are starting today a mother with maturity & wisdom - we call them to be a mother. We are in the good & expanding there are some lessons.

and some principles for child development
1. Discipline your children with consistency

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2. Parents

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2) Faith + Vision - in 2 ways

Ⓐ Be a realist about your child - his sin areas - weaknesses as well as his capabilities. What he's really like - probably he's just like you + your spouse. His sin areas reflected back to you. Don't be self-protective + have a 'rose-colored glasses' view. That only post-pones facing the truth later. (e.g. temper - Hoyt)

Next

Ⓑ Be a godly optimist - see what he can become with God's help. Create a VISION for him. God's perspective - & keep that mindset even during hard times. Motivate + inspire him to grow up as a man of God - victoriously using his potential - his gifts + talents for the Lord. Help him achieve victory over sins. Teach him God's word, inspire him with Biblical heroes, pray with him + for him.

3) Love + Friendship

This takes a lot of time and involves -

- Ⓐ listening - child's not time wasted
 - Ⓑ patience - steadfast ability to endure - even teenage
 - Ⓒ wisdom - the right application of God's viewpoint in all the perplexing + complicated relationships + situations of your child's life
- e.g. sports - (Dad's evaluation is right)
world system, materialism, career choice
peers - (here I was rigid - mission field)
opp. sex -
music - here I failed
work ethic

22 Faith & Vision

in 2 ways

As a realist about your world - in the areas - weaknesses as well as the opportunities what has been life - probably the first time you've given a good review - even reflected back that in self-protective & then a 'renewal' phase - view that only part-power facing the trust later. (e.g. temper height)

As a 'gently optimistic' - see what he can become with God's help. Create a vision for people manager - keep that mindset over having had their motivates & inspires him to give up as a man of God - firmly using his potential - his gifts talents for the Lord. Help him active victory over sin. Teach him God's word inspire him with biblical verses pray with him for him

23 Love & Friendship

This takes a lot of time and energy - distancing thoughts not time wasted
① patience - steadfast ability to endure - even tear
② wisdom - the right application of God's viewpoint in all the complex & complicated relationships & situations of your child's life
E.g. social - (Don't evaluate in right) control system - anxious - control
press - (Don't be rigid - compassion fill) app. ex - music - love & faith work ethic

3) **4 Discipline** - is a vital part of true love but most difficult to do it without anger
consistently constructively

Discipline is one of the most necessary elements in parenting the process of bringing your child to see his need for Christ as his Savior i.e. to see his own sin + his inability to control his sin nature

Law vs Grace

Biblical discipline is loving + redemptive - it's also very sacrificial + hard to be consistent. Our flesh wants to ignore the child's sin - until + unless it infringes on us personally - + then we get angry = selfish
This is the wrong way + that brings me to **5 self-discipline**

- It's incongruous for you to impose discipline on your child when you yourself are not self-disciplined
- eg. a over-indulgent in physical appetites - snacking
 - b lazy, neglectful of child, home, food etc
 - c lack of consistency in "key" areas of child's life discipline, school, work, Xian life - word + prayer
 - d self-indulgent + selfish time things, now, word
 - e lack of zeal + integrity for the Lord prayer
- God's work - no love for the unsaved

N.B Your children analyze your life at an early age they see right thru you - you can't fake them out.
Bruce Wilkinson said the no. 1 reason children of Xians give for leaving Xianity + hating Christ - hypocrisy of Xian parents..

