

# Parenting 2026

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Ever had a job where you had no experience!

No Training!!

You weren't allowed to quit and people's lives  
Were at Stake?

Welcome to Parenting!!!!



# Parenting

Supports the Spiritual, Physical, Emotional, Social & Intellectual Development of a child from Infancy to adulthood.

Parenting refers to raising a child not exclusively of blood relationship.

# Perspectives

## Secular

Ever changing

- Discipline, psychology, spiritual, gender

Success oriented

Only as good as parental effort

Haphazard

## Biblical

Constant/consistent

- scripturally directed

Christ-centered

Supernatural help and guidance

Intentional

**First**, recognize that you are in a battle with a literal enemy who seriously wants to kill, steal, and destroy your family and your children. Having a strong marriage will be a gift to your children! You are tasked with the responsibility during formative years to lay all the foundation your children need for their life ahead. You are not necessarily responsible for their decisions and free will, but you do have a God-given role to uphold.

**You ARE the Single Greatest Influence in Their Life!**

**ALL Research speaks this Truth!!!**

**Your:**

**Actions**

**Values**

**Beliefs**

**These Things create: *“The Family of Origin”***

**Culture ONLY is the Greatest Influence when YOU check out!!**

# Tech Use

It can be very good as a teaching and entertainment device, however we need to heed all the current Pediatric & Neurologic Literature concerning tech use.

Children use icons before reading or learning numbers and alphabet

“hard-wiring” in formative years (1-5 with frontal development into teen years)

Nature deficit disorder (Children spend 50% less time outdoors than parents did)

Addiction issues

Absence of boundaries, monitoring (can constitute neglect)

# Spiritual Development

These commandments that I give you today. 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.

Deuteronomy 6: 6-7



There is a 0.0296% chance  
your child will become a  
professional athlete.



There is a 100% chance your  
child will stand before Jesus.



# Spiritual Development

Your highest calling.

You are answerable before God.

Pray every day for your kids AND with your kids.

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.

Seek help from other Godly families.

Don't buy into the "culture of comparison" with media.

Limit your child's number of activities & entertainments.

Have a united presence with your spouse in front of children.

If a blended family- discuss who will discipline.

Discuss to what degree extended family will be involved with your children.

Your kids need quality and quantity time.

Kids need your presence NOT your presents.

# 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. Discipline by choice
6. Activate responsibility
7. Positive memories
8. Consistent presence
9. Role models
10. Peaceful home

# ***Keep the End Game In Mind!!!!***

***Our desire for the outcomes in raising our kids.***

***5 Things stand out.....***

- A. Confidence  
To be healthy in how they feel about themselves and know who they are because of whose they are.
- B. Character  
A moral compass to guide decisions, values, and integrity with a Christ-like character.
- C. Convictions  
What are their beliefs based on? Convictions shape true character.
- D. Compassion  
Loving concern for those around them, taking the focus off self.
- E. Competence  
Teaching them to live responsibly in today's world.