

Parents: What is parenting?

Parenting is a temporary season

(Genesis 2:24 LSB) - command for man and parent

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother, and cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.”

(1 Corinthians 13:11 LSB)

“When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child. When I became a man, I did away with childish things.”

(PROVERBS 1)

When does parenting end?

Genesis 4:9ff

John 2:4 — Jesus to His mother at Cana.

Numbers 1:3 — 20 year olds able to be numbered and sent to war

Numbers 32:11 Caleb and Joshua, those 20 years old not enter the land

(John 9:21 [LSB](#))

“but how he now sees, we do not know; or who opened his eyes, we do not know. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself.”

1 Corinthians 7 — singleness and its the person’s choice, not an order of the parent

What about Ephesians 6:1,2? Genesis 2:2

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(1 Timothy 5:4 [LSB](#)) “but if any widow has children or grandchildren, they must first learn to practice piety in regard to their own family and to make some return to their parents; for this is acceptable in the sight of God.”

1Tim. 5:8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has adened the faith and

We All Need Grace is worse than an unbeliever.

Every generation in our home is proud, selfish and demanding. Don't be surprised by sin. We are all sinners.

(Ephesians 4:32 [LSB](#)) “Instead, be kind to one another, tender-hearted, graciously forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has graciously forgiven you.”

First Steps Mom and Dad

(1 Timothy 1:5 [LSB](#)) “But the goal of our command is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and an unhypocritical faith.”

How do we do that?

1. Teach your children the love of God in Christ Jesus
2. Teach your children to Fear God and live for His Glory (Duet 6:5, Matt 22:37)
3. Show your children how to put others ahead of themselves

4. Help your children learn how to communicate with wisdom and humility
5. teach your children God's design for sex and marriage
6. Teach your children to choose their friends carefully (1 Cor 15:33)
7. Let your children practice making the choices of adulthood
8. Teach your children the true value of hard work and money

Twixters or aduolescence

— Home for a season and a reason - purpose and plan

— season needs to end — self-gratification, immaturity or selfishness

(Proverbs 16:26 [LSB](#)) "A worker's appetite works for him, For his mouth urges him on."

(Proverbs 28:19 [LSB](#)) "He who cultivates his ground will be satisfied with food, But he who pursues empty things will be satisfied with poverty."

Is your adult child more important to you than pleasing God?

1 Samuel 1

David's failure with his sons who raped and murdered led to civil war.

As Deut states, a father is not responsible for the sons sins, or vice versa.

So parents are not responsible for their adult children's sins.

You are responsible for what happens under your roof.

When you enable sinful lifestyles, you dishonor the Lord and share in the sin and guilt of your kids.

(Proverbs 13:24 [LSB](#)) “He who holds back his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him diligently.”

(Hebrews 4:15–16 [LSB](#)) “For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things like we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

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What to do with your TWIXTER

- Set ground rules
 - Expect the to be productive: schedule (day night)
 - laziness is stealing
 - Expect them to be financially responsible
 - personal expenses
 - extravagance or debt should not be allowed to live at home
 - Establish reasonable moral standards
 - drunkenness, substance abuse or sexual immorality not tolerated inside or outside the home (not control, but honoring God)
- Don't Micromanage

- failure to meet expectations must have consequences.
- for their sake, follow through

Parent expectations

- Matthew 7:5 (log)
- Matthew 21:5 (Jesus humility on a donkey)
- Matthew 11:29 gentle and lowly, how he treats us, how we treat our kids
- humbly give clear expectations
- make it really clear (write it down - contract)
- include kids in the negotiation (treat as an adult)
- speak little, listen much
- humility makes the effort to communicate
- humility respects their individuality
- humility admits sin and wrong
- humility overlooks and forgives (Prov 19:11, 1 Peter 4:8)

TOO MUCH HELP?

James 1:5: Need wisdom, ask God? now go find it in the WORD

- sinful choices (not diseases) your child is revealing their beliefs and what they worship.

- Love is saying NO (Pro 19:15, 16:26)
- Saying NO is NOT saying I don't love you anymore
 - Not unconditional, repeated help on the child's terms.
 - Offer help that will please God (obey his commands)
 - don't just help them out of a jam, deal with root causes
 - Halfway house? Not the same as child remaining at home in process to full independence. trust has been shattered and needs to be rebuilt
 - debt? budget, accountability for expenditures
 - substance abuse? accountability of time, money and drug testing
 - complaints, I'm an adult? choices required this change
 - choose to live somewhere else

Forfeit home: Deut 21:18-21

- church membership
- law breaker? Face consequences, not hire an attorney
- turn in child for crimes committed
- Child will not live in our home and abide by our rules, time to go.
- not your fault, the consequences of their folly
- not totally shunned (meals, family events)⁶, repentant can return.

Money

- no borrowing, loaning or co-signing
- say yes to spouse, no to child
- financial support from child?