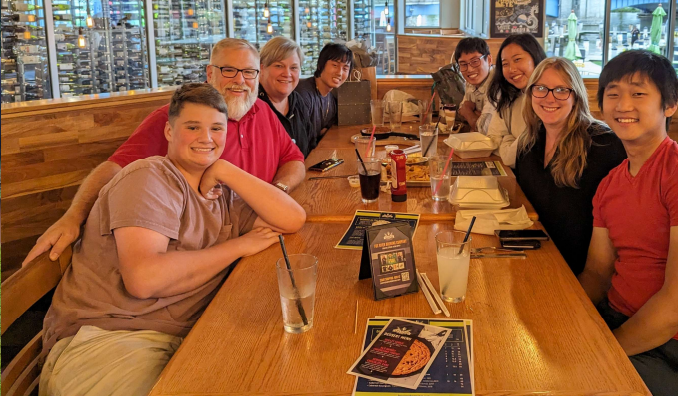




FOUR PILLARS OF EFFECTIVE CHRISTIAN PARENTING

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GRACE BASED PARENTING

"Grace-based parenting is a journey, not a destination. It's about learning to parent our kids the way God parents us."



FOUR PILLARS OF CHRISTIAN PARENTING

- Christian parenting is intentional
- Christian parenting is consistent
- Christian parenting is individual
- Christian parenting is gospel

“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.”

Deut 4:9

#1- CHRISTIAN PARENTING IS INTENTIONAL AND NOT ACCIDENTAL

- We are *commanded* to instruct our children and raise them in the ways of godliness. (Deut 6:6-9, Ephesians 6:4)
- Start with the end in mind: what kind of children do you want to raise—what does godliness look like?
- What general characteristics do you want to see resulting in their relationships?
 - Relationships with others
 - Relationship with work and money (earn, give, save, spend)
 - Relationship with siblings/family
 - Relationship with the local church
 - Relationship with the scriptures and faith in Christ
 - *NOTE: Galatians 5:22 fruit of the Spirit as our aim*
- You must **model** that which you desire from your children (values are caught not taught)



DEUTERONOMY 6:6-9

“And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. 8You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

EPHESIANS 6:4

**CHRISTIAN
PARENTING
IS
INTENTIONAL**

What must you do to create those outcomes?

How must you model certain behaviors?

Imagine an empty library being filled with specific books and education.

How do you reward what is on target and discipline what is off target?

**FILL THE STOREHOUSE
WITH WISDOM,
KNOWLEDGE AND
UNDERSTANDING**

“By wisdom a house is built,
and by understanding it is established;
by knowledge the rooms are filled
with all precious and pleasant riches.”

PROVERBS 24:3

INTENTIONAL PARENTING INVOLVES DISCIPLINE

- You need a model of discipline so you do not act out of anger or frustration when behavior occurs.
- Teach/Instruct, remind until it is inculcated, then discipline intentional disobedience. Parenting as prophet (truth), priest (spiritual formation) and king (leadership).
- Never discipline accidents or unintentional behaviors. Those are correction and training moments.
- The power of discipline is in one word: consistency.

Know your kids and their uniqueness.

Know their love language and points of engagement.

Rhythms and routine: the power of the dinner table AND parent connection time.

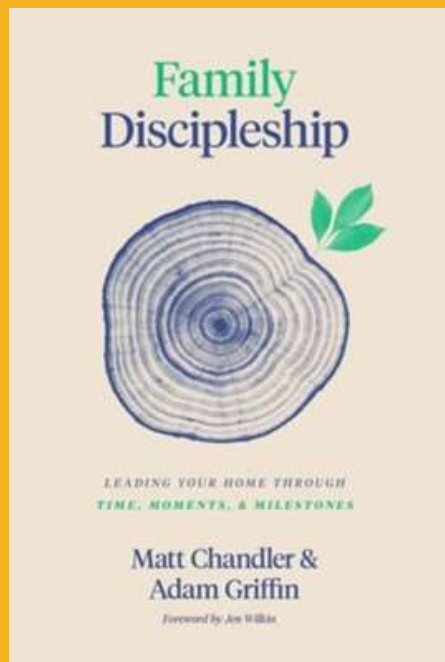
Say 'no' to individual activities that erode the whole family.

#2 - CHRISTIAN PARENTING IS INDIVIDUALIZED

INDIVIDUALIZED PARENTING IS DISCIPLESHIP

- Parents are the primary disciplers of their children.
- The family is the first house church.
- Find instructional moments to point to biblical truth
- Teach a biblical worldview all along the way.
- Highlight milestone moments with focus

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP



- Family discipleship is a marathon, not a sprint.
- Family discipleship is not about perfection, rather growth.
- Family discipleship is about grace.
- Family discipleship is a joy.



**# 3 - CHRISTIAN
PARENTING MUST
BE CONSISTENT
(BUT NOT PREDICTABLE)**


**CONSISTENCY BUILDS TRUST
PREDICTABILITY ENSURES BOREDOM**

FIRST TIME OBEDIENCE AS THE GOLDEN RULE

- What happens when your children disobey?
- How many warnings do you have to give to get their attention?
- Disobedience starts in the heart—speak to their heart and not only their behavior.
- “Whatever!”

FIRST TIME OBEDIENCE AS THE GOLDEN RULE

- Teach them the importance of obedience—to you first and to God for the rest of their life.
- Teach them to obey first and ask questions second.
- Affirm when you catch them obeying.
- Avoid sarcasm—it is poison.



Predictability can be ruinous— keep them guessing

- Do your kids know what you are going to do before you do?
- Are your children allowed to be disrespectful?
- Husbands, do you intervene when children disrespect their mother?

Marriage-centered family life is the biblical model of family.

**QUESTION:
DO CHILDREN
MAKE A FAMILY
A FAMILY?**

- Is your household a family after your children grow up and leave?
- Marriage as the hub teaches children that the world does not revolve around their wishes and desires.
- Dating your spouse communicates the centrality of the marriage.



“The group consisting of mother, father, and child is the main educational agency of mankind”

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

#4 CHRISTIAN PARENTING IS GOSPEL

W h a t i s g o s p e l ?

- The aim of Christian parenting is obedience to God by love for Christ.

**WHO DISCIPLES
YOUR CHILDREN?**

**Family Discipleship is
mostly ordinary
processes.**

“Discipling your child is not primarily your church’s job, your child’s school’s job, or your pastor’s job. This job is yours. This job is vital and requires your unique best. You are irreplaceable in it.”

- *P. 35 The Family that Disciples*

FOUR PIECES OF FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

- Modeling: be a godly example
- Family Discipleship Time: create intentional spiritual time
- Family Discipleship Moments: Leverage key moments
- Family Discipleship Milestones: Mark key transitions

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT FAMILY

- God teaches us about our relationship to him through family. (Psalm 103:13)
- God teaches us the inherent value of children. Psalm (127:3-5)
- God created, loves, and wants faithful marriages. (Heb 13:4)
- God commands that children are to be cared for and trained. (Psalm 78:7)

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT FAMILY

- God commands that parents are to be honored and obeyed. (Exodus 20:12)
- God tells and shows us about what to teach children. (Psalm 78:4)
- God does not take family responsibility lightly. (1 Sam 3:13)
- God gives families the gift of forgiveness. (Col 3:13)

Family Discipleship, by Matt Chandler, p. 56-61

**GOSPEL
DISCIPLESHIP
THROUGH
MOMENTS**

Catching moments teaches godly character in the flow of life and events.

Catching moments teaches the character of God and how He works.

Jesus taught the disciples key truths in moments (ex. woman at the well)

**MAKE THE
MOST OF
MOMENTS**

Focusing on and leveraging key milestone experiences and marking them with memories that involve instruction and blessing.

LEVERAGE MILESTONE MOMENTS

- 2nd grade when they begin to read.
- When they profess faith and get baptized
- When they enter middle school
- When they turn 13 years old
- When they graduate from HS
- When they get engaged, have their first real job, graduate from college.
- When they get married

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QUESTIONS

WHERE ARE YOU FINDING SUCCESS?

**WHERE ARE YOU FINDING
FRUSTRATION?**