

Parenting 101

The #1 Parenting Priority

Sunday, August 19, 2012

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2 Powerful Parenting Principles

- Principle 1 -- _____ go first.
Follow Jesus with all your heart and take your kids with you. Invest in, build, strengthen and fortify your relationships with God, with His Church and with your children. You'll need a team to help you parent well.
- Principle 2 -- Parenting is Job # _____.
 - Job # 1 -- becoming a full-on Child of God yourself
 - Job # 2 -- creating a strong marriage where your children can thrive under the umbrella of your love and protection
 - Job # 3 -- parenting well so that your children become children of God by the work of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.
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Joshua 1:5-10 (Contemporary English Version - CEV)

5 Joshua, I will always be with you and help you as I helped Moses, and no one will ever be able to defeat you. 6-8 Long ago I promised the ancestors of Israel that I would give this land to their descendants. So be strong and brave! Be careful to do everything my servant Moses taught you. Never stop reading The Book of the Law he gave you. Day and night you must think about what it says. If you obey it completely, you and Israel will be able to take this land. 9 I've commanded you to be strong and brave. Don't ever be afraid or discouraged! I am the Lord your God, and I will be there to help you wherever you go.

Notice how God encourages Joshua by reminding him that He would be with him, will help him and give him victories. Notice how He says that He will be there with Joshua wherever he goes. God always leads through relationship before principles. His relationship with us is the platform that He uses to influence us. He puts the relationship first. We should parent the same way. Rules without relationship lead to rebellion.

The # 1 Way to Lead is Through Relationship.

So, to accomplish our # 1 Parenting Priority of helping our children become full-on children of God, we need to invest in, strengthen and build stronger relationships with our Lord, with our spouse, with our children, with our church and with other parents in the community.

How can you show your child(ren) that you are 'with them' and that you will 'help them' this week?

Calls to Action:

- Commit to deeper and stronger Bible meditation and application in your own life as a way to allow Jesus to become Lord of your life.
- Work on your marriage. Help is available. See Laura Cochran, Meredith Lewis, Mike Arvin or Jeff Fuson to learn about counseling resources for couples.
- Commit to Phos Community Church to be a team player and get active with other parents. Serve and be served. Join us for Lunch and Learn on Sunday, September 9. Details are in the Worship Guide. RSVP on the form enclosed today.
- Parents of Pre-Teens and Teens plan to join us on Wednesday, September 19th at 7 PM here at 4200 for the Kick Off of Operation Parent's 'Parenting 101' Course here at 4200. This will be a great way to build relationships with other parents and to build a village to help you with the Priority of Parenting. Email Cory Monnin at cradbi@gmail.com to learn more.
- Parents of little ones consider joining the 'Parents with Small Kids' Group on Wednesday evening, September 5th at 6:30 PM. Childcare is provided. Email Sarah Nichter to learn more: sarah_nichter@yahoo.com.

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