

# PARENTING BY THE BOOK

## 1. PROCESS

A. **PRINCIPLE:** You must be committed as a parent to LONG-VIEW PARENTING because CHANGE is a PROCESS and NOT AN EVENT.

1. We want PARENTING to be a SERIES OF EVENTS rather than a LIFELONG PROCESS.

a. So in MOMENTS OF DISCIPLINE we get cranked up emotionally and think that if we are **STEARN** enough and **LOUD** enough, and make **THREATS** that are **BIG ENOUGH**... we will win, and **our children will INSTANTLY CHANGE**.

b. Think about how God the Father **WORKS CHANGE OUR LIVES** as his children.

2. We have been fully JUSTIFIED and completely accepted... but we are **NOT COMPLETE**, because there is massive **CHANGE** that needs to take place in us.

a. **IN OTHER WORDS:** the POWER OF SIN HAS BEEN BROKEN, **BUT** the PRESENCE OF SIN still **REMAINS** and will be PROGRESSIVELY ERADICATED.

b. The most important word in the last sentence is PROGRESSIVELY.

c. The Father's work of JUSTIFICATION is an EVENT... **BUT** his work of SANCTIFICATION/TRANSFORMATION is literally a LIFE-LONG PROCESS.

d. When JUSTIFYING you, God is fully aware that he is **committing** himself to a DAY-BY-DAY PROCESS of illumining, confronting, convicting, forgiving, transforming, and delivering GRACE.

3. PARENTING is **NOT** a SERIES of **DRAMATIC CONFRONTATION-CONFESSION EVENTS**... **BUT** rather a LIFE-LONG PROCESS of **INCREMENTAL AWARENESS** and **PROGRESSIVE CHANGE**.

4. A MISUNDERSTANDING of what you've been CALLED TO AS A PARENT **WILL ALWAYS SET UP UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS OF OUR CHILDREN**

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and FRUSTRATIONS AS A PARENT that WILL TEMPT US TO DO AND SAY THINGS THAT WE SHOULD NOT DO OR SAY.

### 2. FOR INSTRUCTIONS IN RIGHTEOUSNESS