

PARENTING

14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family

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Chapter 2

Chapter 2: Grace

Principle: God never calls you to a task without giving you what you need to do it. He never sends you without going with you.

1. How does Tripp say that a proper understanding of God's saving and forgiving grace should impact our lives when it comes to parenting? (Hint: view the italics throughout the chapter for help on this)
2. On page 35, Tripp claims, "Like everything else God calls people to, God doesn't call people to be parents because they are able." How should this truth impact and change your parenting and your view of yourself?
3. Knowing that God will never give you a task that he won't also equip you for, how does this help you as you consider not being an "able" parent?
4. How does a proper view of God's grace affect your ability to see your parenting accurately? (p. 38)

5. Tripp concludes, “I am more like my children than unlike them—and so are you.” How does this conclusion help change your view of you and your parenting?

6. What will happen, according to Tripp, if you blame your children for your mistakes and shortfalls as a parent? (p. 41)