

Essential Perspectives for Successful Parenting

Perspective #1: The goal of parents must be to shepherd their child's heart to love God supremely. Deuteronomy 6:5-6

1. Beware of focusing on the wrong parental target!
2. Loving God results in the child's peace and joy in this life and for eternity. Deut. 5:29,33; 6:24; ch. 28-29
3. Loving God supremely is evidenced by glad obedience and service to Him and love for others. Deut. 10:12-13
4. God's goal for the child is the same as His goal for the parent. Deut. 6:5-6

Perspective #2: The heart of parents must be to Exalt Christ. Deut. 6:4-6

1. They **worship and exalt** God. Dt. 6:4,
2. **They love God supremely** gladly obeying and serving Him. Dt. 6:5
3. **They affirm God's calling** for them to shepherd their child to Love Him. Dt. 6:7-9
4. They are parentally **motivated by their focus on pleasing God** first, not their child. Dt. 6:5.

Perspective #3: The practices of parents God uses.

1. They focus on obeying and trusting what God says. Deut. 6:6

2. They model thinking and acting governed by God's word. They remember that their trust and obedience in the Lord is what God uses to shepherd their child. Dt. 6:6; 5:29

Perspective #4: The peace of parents that God uses.

1. They trust in God not themselves to shepherd their child's heart to God. Prov. 3:5-6; 2 Cor. 3:5-6; 4:7; Phil. 4:13

2. They rejoice in God's faithfulness and forgiveness and don't dwell on past failures.

Perspective #5: The view of parents towards their child. Psalm 127:3

Parents are Ambassadors not Owners of their child. Psalm 127:3