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BEING A CHRISTIAN WHILE BEING A PARENT PART 1

WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN PARENT LOOK LIKE?

*A SERIES ON DEVELOPING A PRACTICAL AND EFFECTIVE WALK WITH GOD AT ALL
TIMES AND IN ALL SITUATIONS*

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Introduction to the Text;

Colossians 1:9-14

BEING A CHRISTIAN WHILE BEING A PARENT

**WHAT DOES A "CHRISTIAN" PARENT LOOK LIKE & WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN
PARENT DO DIFFERENT FROM OTHER PARENTS?**

Colossians 1:9-14 – Hey Parents...

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be **filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding**; :10 that you may **walk worthy of the Lord**, fully pleasing *Him*, **being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God**; :11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; :12 **giving thanks to the Father** who has **qualified us** to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. :13 He has delivered us **from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love**, :14 in whom we have **redemption** through His blood, even the **forgiveness** of sins.

I Wanna First Say That;

"Parenting" and **"Being a Parent"** has no match
or equal in This Life. - - for example...

You can be the wealthiest person in the world - the most powerful person, -
the most beautiful person in the world and totally fail at being a parent.

Of course, what I mean is;

wealth, power and beauty have no positive or negative effect on being a parent – these are goofy things that we “esteem” as important, whereas **“the impartation of one human life into another is a divine ‘model’ called parenting!”**

Biologically, Children Happen

*(I'm not talking tonight about **creating** a human being)*

Getting pregnant or creating a child doesn't make you a parent. The act of parenting does - it's what comes after the baby's born that has a great effect on determining that child's life and future and value.

Spiritually, Children are Made

*(I am talking about the **developing** of a human being)*

Imparting, infusing, developing, - taking an infant from toddler, a toddler to a child and child to an adult is the single most important, human thing we can do, howbeit by procreation or adoption
(Parenting is ordained of God - it's designed by God)

Jesus Christ “Radicalized”

Man's Relationship to God by Inviting us to View God and to Relate to God as “Our Father”

To Those In Israel // Matthew 6:9a

therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven...

To Those In Rome // Romans 1:7

To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called *to be* saints: Grace to you and peace from **God our Father** and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To Those In Greece // 1 Corinthians 1:3 Grace to you and peace from **God our Father** and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And In Heaven Itself // 1 John 5:7 For there are three that bear witness in heaven: **the Father**, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

BEING A CHRISTIAN WHILE BEING A PARENT

WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN PARENT DO?

1.) A Christian Parent – Prays For The Wisdom of God

As Parents, We're Developing the Future of Our Child

James 1:5

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

So We Pray & We Pray for Them

Colossians 1:9a

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, = ***should it apply to your child first ?***

Your child is literally as unique as a snowflake or galaxy!

(We need to pray for the Lord's wisdom)

We Pray for Them

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

We Pray for Them – Again - Just in Case

Job 1:5

So it was, when Job's children had ended their days of feasting, that Job would send and **sanctify** them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings *according to* the number of them all. For Job said, "***It may be that they have sinned and cursed God in their hearts.***" – ***Thus Job did regularly.***

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WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN PARENT DO ?

2.) A Christian Parent – Searches Out God's Word

As Parents, We're Developing God's Plan for Our Child

It's Easier Than You Think.

**We do this by pointing – "do point" to God
as often as possible**

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Psalm 19:1-5

The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. :2 Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. :3 *There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard.* :4 Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun, :5 *Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, And rejoices like a strong man to run its race.*

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WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN PARENT DO?

3.) A Christian Parent – Directs the Child Toward God

As a Parent, I'm Developing a God Dependence in My Child

Psalm 40:4a

Blessed *is* that man who makes the LORD his trust,

Psalm 1:1-3

Blessed *is* the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; :2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. :3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

Deuteronomy 6:5-7

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. :6 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. :7 *You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.*

Mom & Dad

(1)

Include your children in on what's happening at your church.

("Let's pray for our missionary team or our church expansion – hello")

(2)

Include them in on the worship at your church

("Hey Mikey, we can be worshipping God at all times if we want to")

(3)

Include them in on the teaching at your church
(*“Hey Susie, we learned this today, what did you learn?”*)

(4)

Include them in **the giving** at your church
(*“Hey kids, there’s nothing more important than the Lord in our lives”*)

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WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN PARENT DO?

4.) A Christian Parent – Exemplifies the Christian Life

As Parents, We’re Developing Another Christian in Our Child

Philippians 2:3

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit,
but in lowliness of mind let each **esteem others** better than himself.
we need to **esteem them** in the Lord, **not with money, toys...**

We’re examples at all times/but what kind?

Ephesians 6:4

And you, fathers, do not **provoke** your children to **wrath**, but bring them up in the
training and **admonition** of the Lord.

To the **defeated** parents I say... “grace is coming”
To the **hypocrite** parents I say... “you’ll answer to Him”
To the **hurting** parents I say... “He is going to be faithful”

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WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN PARENT DO?

5.) A Christian Parent – Is Ordained as The Parent

As a Parent, We’re Developing a Respect for God in Our Child

Mom // Dad;

Until that little child meets the Lord personally,
you are as God to them.

Ephesians 6:1-3

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. :2 *“Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise:* :3 *“that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.” = respect for God*

!!! Shocker !!!

You are not your child’s best friend, - *you’re their **parent!***
You are not your child’s best friend, - *you’re their **protector!***
You are not your child’s best friend, - *you’re their **teacher!***
You are not their best friend, - *you are their **guide!***
You are not their best friend, - *you are their **comforter!***

Colossians 3:21

Fathers, do not **provoke** (*pick a fight, stir up the water*) your children, lest they become **discouraged**. (*athumay – spiritless, broken, numb*)

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WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN PARENT DO?

6.) A Christian Parent – Knows Their Child Best

As Parents, We’re Developing a Value System in Our Child

No one else on earth but mom & dad
should know that child’s ins and outs, temperament and nature.

Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child **in the way he should go**, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Study your child’s personality from the start.

Know their attitude, their likes, dislikes, interests,
and then point them in that direction...

**All Along the Way of Their Life’s Experience,
Show Them **The Value of Following The Lord in That Thing.****

As Parents, We’re Developing a Value System in Our Child

Life is Tender and Needs Care and Encouragement

End of Study