

THE "LIFE AND BIBLE" SERIES

Living Out Our Christianity **With An Attitude**

COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 1:9-14

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

BEING A CHRISTIAN WHILE BEING A PARENT – PART 2 *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*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Discipleship, Family, Parenting, Rising Children

Introduction to the Text;

Colossians 1:9-14

The Theme and Textual Summation of the Passage

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.

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

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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

**Pointing – and I "do mean pointing"
to God as often as possible**

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

4.) A Christian Parent – Exemplifies the Christian Life

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

6.) A Christian Parent – Knows Their Child Best

It Was Here That We Saw How Wayne Bartholomew's Life Was Affected

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

**No one else on earth but mom & dad
knows your 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

If it's surfing // If it's bugs?
– Then they will tend toward those details – encourage it!!!

That Child Has Been **Loaned** To You From The Lord.

BEING A CHRISTIAN WHILE BEING A PARENT
WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN PARENT DO ?

7.) A Christian Parent – Forms a God Centric Worldview

How we as Parents **handle** things, **say** things, **do** things
all form a ***pattern of response*** that our children inherit.

Our Kids Do What They See and or Hear from Us.
(Who has your child's ear, attention, respect?)

1 Kings 22:42-43

Now Jehoshaphat was thirty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Azu'bah the daughter of Shil'hi. :43 And he **walked in all the ways of his father Asa**. He did not turn aside from them, **doing what was right in the eyes of the LORD**.

As Parents, We're Developing a Biblical Worldview in Our Child

We want our children to be able to know truth;

- (1) - What Makes You Think That Your Child is a Christian?
- (2) - Can They Defend What They Believe?
- (3) - Are They Ready?
- (4) - To Take on The World?

BEING A CHRISTIAN WHILE BEING A PARENT WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN PARENT DO?

8.) A Christian Parent – Surrenders Their Child to God

As a Parent, I'm Developing an Independence in My Child

HANNAH SURRENDERED SAMUEL TO THE LORD Hannah Couldn't Get Pregnant, But The Lord had a Plan

1 Samuel 1:10-11a, 20, 27-28

“...for the LORD had closed up Hannah’s womb... :10 And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the LORD and wept in anguish. :11 Then she made a vow and said, “O LORD of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life... :20 So it came to pass in the process of time that Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, “Because I have asked for him from the LORD.”... :27 For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition which I asked of Him. :28 Therefore I also have **lent** “given” him to the LORD; as long as he lives he shall be “given” to the LORD.” So they worshiped the LORD there.

As a Parent, I'm Developing an Independence in My Child

Proverbs 3:5-7

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; :6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. :7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil.

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WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN PARENT DO?

9.) A Christian Parent – Never Retires From “Parenting”

**I Said – “Parenting” not
“Parroting”**

You’re the parent, they are the child.
You must lead them, teach them, train them, school
them.

Proverbs 23:12-14 NIV

Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge. **:13** Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you punish him with the rod, he will not die. **:14** Punish him with the rod and save his soul from death.

Proverbs 29:15

The rod of correction imparts wisdom, but a child left to himself disgraces his mother.

As Parents, We’re Developing a “Generation” in Our Child

Mom & Dad;

We’ve got to learn how to **take the backseat** gracefully as time goes by.

Did we succeed in getting our kids to stand

on their own two feet in life // for the things that really matter // are they Christians because of us?

Deuteronomy 6:1-2 NIV

These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, **:2** so that you, **your children** and **their children after them** may fear the LORD your God **as long as you live** by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. (family life)

There Comes a Time for Us to Step Aside *(I didn't say go away – just step aside)*

It all begins with their **first steps** // then it's with **the bicycle** //
then it's with the **car keys** // then life **choices**....

Proverbs 7:24

Now therefore, listen to me, *my children*;
Pay attention to the words of my mouth:

“Maybe my dad and mom weren't so dumb after all”

BEING A CHRISTIAN WHILE BEING A PARENT WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN PARENT DO ?

10.) A Christian Parent – Continues influencing their child

As Parents, We're Creating a Heritage with Our Child

Deuteronomy 4:9 NIV

Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live.
Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

Deuteronomy 4:7

“For what great nation *is there* that has God so near to it, as the LORD our God *is* to us, for whatever *reason* we may call upon Him?”

Psalms 145:18

The LORD *is* near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.

Parents, Please Stand Up,

End of Study