



- God continues to **give wisdom**.

Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God—who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly—and it will be given to him. James 1:3

- Everyone seems to parent **differently**.

When we don't parent intentionally, we allow the **world** to influence our kids.

Parenting is **influence**.

How we intentionally parent God's way:

- Establish realistic **goals** you want to instill in your child.

Where there is no vision, the people perish... Proverbs 29:18

Three most important goals: *(For our kids)*

Goal #1: That our children will love God.

4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

Deuteronomy 6:4-6

7 **Impress them on your children**. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Deuteronomy 6:7

Action Step:

Make **faith** central to your family.

15 But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve.But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

Goal #2: That Our Children Will Love Their Family.

Action Step:

Schedule **family time** regularly.

Goal #3: That our children will love the Church.

"Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish..." Psalm 92:13

What one generation finds **optional**, the next generation finds **unnecessary**.

25 You should not stay away from the church meetings, as some are doing, but you should meet together and encourage each other. Do this even more as you see the day coming. Hebrews 10:25

Action Step:

Make **church** attendance a priority.

- We **instruct** our kids towards godly **character**.

15 You were united to your wife by the Lord. In God's wise plan, when you married, the two of you became one person in his sight. And what does he want? **Godly children from your union**. Therefore, guard your passions!

Keep faith with the wife of your youth. Malachi 2:15

Train a child in the way he should go, and even when they are old they will not turn away from it. Proverbs 22:6

Action Step:

Establish a consistent time to **disciple** your kids.

- We spend time doing things **together**.

Action Step:

Create consistent family **moments** together.

- We speak **words** that give **life**.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue... Proverbs 18:21

Action Step:

Speak words of **encouragement** daily.

- We **model** the lifestyle God desires for them.

Action Step:

Live **consistently** at home and in public

What to do if you have regrets:

- Have an honest **conversation** with your kids.

- Start **praying** for your kids.

- Start modeling your **faith** now.

- Trust that God's **grace** is greater than your failures.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning... Lamentations 3:22-23

8 Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died at the age of a hundred and ten... 10 After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, another generation grew up who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel. Judges 2:8,10

11 Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord and served the Baals. Judges 2:11



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain.
- In what ways is culture influencing children today, and why is intentional parenting more important than ever?
- The statement was made: "Parenting is influence." What are some ways parents influence their children without even realizing it?
- Read Proverbs 29:18. Why do you think having a clear spiritual vision for your family matters? What happens when parents do not establish intentional goals?
- Read Deuteronomy 6:4-7. What does it look like practically to "impress" God's Word on our children in everyday life?
- Read Proverbs 22:6. What do you think it means to "train a child in the way he should go"? How is training different from controlling?
- Why do you think quality time and shared experiences are so important in parenting and discipleship?
- What are some practical ways families can create intentional connection?
- The sermon addressed regret in parenting and reminded us that God's mercy is new every morning (Lamentations 3:22-23). What encouragement would you give to a parent who feels they failed spiritually with their children?

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