

4. By _____ (praise)

5. By _____

Three Challenging Questions to Keep Before Us

- How does God view my _____?
- How does God view my _____?
- Am I parenting with God's purpose in mind?

PARENTING WITH GOD'S PURPOSE

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Proverbs 22:6 *Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

THREE METHODS OF PARENTING PRACTICED TODAY

1. Parenting with _____ purpose in mind

- These parents have no specific _____ for their children, good or bad.
- They view children as a nuisance or in the way.
- They are only interested in investing as _____ as they can into their children.
- They allow their children to do whatever they want to do.

2. Parenting with their _____ purpose in mind

- These parents that have specific goals for their children
- They want to live out their own dreams in the _____ of their children.
- This stems from _____. "Look what my child is accomplishing"
- This involves _____.
- This shows a lack of _____ in God. There is more _____ placed on having enough of material things, than having enough of God

3. Parenting with _____ purpose in mind

- These parents also have specific goals for their children
- They recognize that their children _____ to God

Psalm 127:3 *Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.*

- Their ultimate _____ is to have God’s will fulfilled in their children’s life above all else

AS PARENTS, WE HAVE A CHOICE IN HOW WE RAISE OUR CHILDREN

This choice comes with heavy _____ or wonderful _____!

- The heavy consequences of not raising our children right could be
 - Extra stress in the home
 - Resentment towards our kids because they are unruly
 - _____
 - Children that do not believe in God
- The wonderful blessings of raising our children right could be
 - _____

Isaiah 54:13 *And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children.*

- Multi-generational vision _____
- Children that are saved!
- Children that are God fearing!
- Children that have _____!

The comparison is clear. The goal should be to raise our children with God’s purpose!

FIVE WAYS WE CAN PARENT WITH GOD’S PURPOSE

1. By _____

2. By _____

- Protect your children
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
- Set _____ and train them to follow them

Proverbs 4:13 *Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life.*

- Use proper _____ as a training tool

Proverbs 13:24 *He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betime.*

- Should be out of _____ “but he that loveth him chasteneth him...”
- Should be _____ “chasteneth him betimes” (betimes means speedily, in good time)
- Should be under _____

Colossians 3:21 *Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.*

- Should end _____

3. By _____ in _____

Proverbs 17:22a *A merry heart doeth good like a medicine...*

- The more we discipline, the more we should have fun with them. Balance is the key!