

I Quit: Pretend Parenting

((HOW TO RAISE KIDS WITHOUT KILLING THEM))

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I REMEMBER THE TIMES MY SISTER WOULD LOOK AT ME AND SAY, "MOM IS GOING TO KILL US!"

TITLE: FRUSTRATION • RUINING THEIR LIVES • FAILING TO LEAD THEM TO CHRIST // PRAY

Review

Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

Proverbs 4:23

LIFE FLOWS FROM THE HEART, BUT WE PAY ATTENTION TO THE SURFACE // PRETEND, SPIN PLATES

Quit what doesn't give life and rediscover what does!

What about parenting?

WHAT ABOUT PARENTING? HERE'S THE SCENARIO... MOM IN SUPERMARKET // KIDS = INFURIATING

The three parenting conflicts:

- ▶ How do we handle **authority**?
- ▶ How will we shape their **future**?
- ▶ How will **others think** of me?

I WANT TO HELP YOU QUIT • RECIPE FOR SETTLING THESE CONFLICTS

Proverbs 4:1-13 (p. 443)

- ▶ The goal of a godly parent is to build in the children **wisdom** not **compliance**.
- ▶ The godly parent is the child's source of **wisdom**.

ILL: THEIR MOM IS ALWAYS RIGHT... EVEN WHEN SHE'S WRONG

A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a mocker does not listen to rebuke.

Proverbs 13:1

ARE YOUR KIDS WISE? // WHAT ABOUT BAD INSTRUCTION? HEED NOT BLINDLY OBEY

1. Wisdom starts with **fearing the Lord**.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Proverbs 9:10

He who fears the LORD has a secure fortress, and for his children it will be a refuge.

Proverbs 14:26

The righteous man leads a blameless life; blessed are his children after him.

Proverbs 20:7

TO RAISE KIDS WHO HONOR THE LORD, YOU MUST HONOR THE LORD
KIDS WHO KNOW HOW TO LOVE BY TELLING THEM TO LOVE ... KIDS DO WHAT THEY SEE.

2. Wisdom develops through **discipline**.

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

Proverbs 29:15

He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him.

Proverbs 13:24

Discipline your son, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to his death.

Proverbs 19:18

Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you punish him with the rod, he will not die.

Proverbs 23:13

Discipline your son, and he will give you peace; he will bring delight to your soul.

Proverbs 29:17

CHARLIE SLEEPING THROUGH THE NIGHT • MODIFIED FERBER, EARLIER, RIGID SCHEDULE

Discipline is consistently following a **principled path**
of **behavior** and **consequence**.

ON HYPERACTIVE PARENTING // UNDERSTAND STAGES OF MATURITY

3. Wisdom takes a long, **unique path**.

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

Proverbs 22:6

THE WAY ANY PERSON SHOULD GO & THE WAY THAT UNIQUE PERSON SHOULD GO
HELP YOUR CHILD DISCOVER HIS UNIQUE PURPOSE AND HE WON'T DEPART FROM IT!

I MADE THE MISTAKE OF TELLING MY DAD I WANTED TO BE A PASTOR

Take it home...

Apply the universal recipe for wisdom & maturity...

AUTHORITY -> **LOVE** -> **PURPOSE**

At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

Titus 3:3-8