

BEING A PARENT IS HARD WORK. THERE ARE NO  
EASY ANSWERS,  
BUT, THERE IS HOPE.



## Raising the Value of a Parent

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"Christian parents who truly understand the golf of parenting become fully engaged in the challenge. They no longer just build business. They build character, value and vision into young lives. They no longer treat their children as inconveniences to be handed off to anyone who will tend them for five dollars an hour. These parents see the "season of parenting" as the ultimate spiritual challenge, worthy of their best efforts, most fervent prayers, and largest investments of time. They search for ways to improve their skills through books, tapes, seminars, and interacting with other parents. These parents look to the church for assistance, and they support with their time, money and prayer, the ministries that enhance their children's spiritual training.

In short, they do anything they can to encourage authentic Christian growth in their children—even if it slows their professional advancement and postpones the pursuit of personal dreams. They know that molding a runny-nosed little bandit into a God-honoring difference-maker is the most stretching, demanding, and, ultimately, the fulfilling challenge they can face. So they earnestly devote themselves to it."

- Bill Hybels, *Honest to God*

Confidence	"Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you." 1 Timothy 4:14
Convictions	"Keeping faith and a good conscience . . ." 1 Timothy 1:19
Character	"Keeping faith and a good conscience . . ." 1 Timothy 1:19
Compassion	"The goal of our instruction is love . . ." 1 Timothy 1:5
Competence	"Be absorbed in them so your progress may be evident . . ." 1 Timothy 4:15

## Raise Your \_\_\_\_\_

"The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith." 1 Timothy 6:20

"And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him in all respects . . ." Colossians 1:10

## Anticipate the \_\_\_\_\_

"Guard what has been entrusted to you . . ." 1 Timothy 6:20

### Four losses of today's teenager:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

## Inspire By \_\_\_\_\_

You Can Teach What You \_\_\_\_\_  
But You Can Only Reproduce What You \_\_\_\_\_.

## Get Serious About \_\_\_\_\_

"Fix your hope on God who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy." 1 Timothy 6:17

"A cheerful heart is good medicine but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." Proverbs 17:22

### 2 Surefire Killjoys:

Being too \_\_\_\_\_

Being too \_\_\_\_\_

"Cast your anxiety on Him because He cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7

## Expect \_\_\_\_\_

"I know whom I have believed and am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him." 2 Timothy 1:12