

“Parenting With Purpose”

I. The Need for Help in Parenting

A. Evident by the Children we are Raising

Characteristics of Many of Today's Youth

1. Lack of respect for authority
2. An entitlement mentality
3. Ungrateful
4. Self-absorbed
5. Poor work ethic
6. Lack social skills
7. Poor self-esteem.
8. Lack of spiritual interest.

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“A movement is arising undirected and driven largely by students to scrub campuses clean of words, ideas and subject that might cause discomfort or give offense.” – The Atlantic Mag.

“Your system is perfectly designed to produce the results you are getting.”

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II. Off Track in Our Parenting

A. Mistakes to Avoid

1. Don't let children fail

“The person interested in success has to learn to view failure as a healthy, inevitable part of the process of getting to the top.”

Dr. Joyce Brothers

“I’ve missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I’ve lost almost 300 games. Twenty six times I’ve been trusted to take the game-winning shot and missed. I’ve failed over and over and over again in life. And that is why I succeed.”

-Michael Jordan

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2. Project Our Lives on Them

3. Prioritize Being Happy

4. Inconsistent in Our Dealings with them

5. Remove Consequences

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What we think is Successful Parenting

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1. What Parents Want for their Children

“We send our overscheduled, under-rested, stressed-out kids from person to person to ensure that they are having well-rounded childhoods. Do they have an appropriate balance of physical, cultural, and academic activities? Are they growing up with all the advantages we never had?” - Ken Boa

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“intentionally overseeing the generational transfer of the faith in such a way that children learn to consistently live a life under God’s divine authority.”

Proverbs 4:23

“Watch over your heart with all diligence for from it flow the springs of life.”

“Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.” (NLT)

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Deuteronomy 6:4-7

“Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

John 7:37-39

Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’” But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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Colossians 3:21

Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart.

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E. Pray! Pray! Pray!

Are you Parenting with Purpose?

*Are you focused on those things that will
be important 400 years from now?*

