

Parenting Hacks: Raising Godly Children

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Read

1 Corinthians 4:15, Romans 8:1, Proverbs 1:1-6, 2 Timothy 1:5, Luke 2:41-46, Hebrews 10:24-25, Romans 8:28

Reflect

We may not all be physical parents, but we all have the capacity and often, the opportunity to lead as “parents” in our spheres of influence. So often, it can be easy to shrink back from fully walking in all that God has for us due to fear, insecurity or shame. Romans 8:1 says that as believers we are no longer under any condemnation. Reflect on areas where condemnation has “robbed” your experience as a parent/leading as a parent.

Pastor Josh Walters shares 3 key ingredients to be intentional about as we seek to raise/ lead godly children.

THERE IS NO PERFECT RECIPE

Perfect Environment + The Perfect Parenting = Rebellion

In the beginning, as we read the account of those first to call God “Father” (Gen.1:1), we see that even under the most ideal circumstances, a perfect outcome cannot be predicted.

a. How have you seen this “play out” in your own experience or in the experience of others?

3 KEY INGREDIENTS FOR RAISING GODLY CHILDREN:

1. The Me Factor: Resting with confidence in the truth that what God has called you to do, he has also equipped you for.

Key principle: You replicate who you are, not who you want to be.

Discuss how you might grow in Godly confidence as you parent/lead others.

2. The We Factor: Hebrews 10: 24-25, speaks to the importance of encouraging one another toward love and good deeds as well as the importance of meeting together.

Key Principle: Choose to widen your circle.

Discuss how you can be intentional about widening your circle to include others who will encourage you as you seek to obey God in who he’s called you to be and what he’s called you to do.

3. The God Factor: Empowered by God’s Spirit we are enabled to walk in all the good plans he has for us. Pastor Josh spoke of “Shortening the window between failure and repentance.” As we yield our failures and weaknesses over to God, he will give us all the power and strength we need to be who we need to be.

Key Principle: Good + Bad = Good

Discuss how this can be both encouraging and challenging.

RESPOND

Whether God has called you to physically raise children of your own or has given you the opportunity to lead others as a parent would, consider how God may be calling you to increase your dependency on Him as He calls you to abundance in these relationships.