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PRINCIPLES THAT CAN RADICALLY CHANGE YOUR FAMILY*

Parenting Never Ends

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PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS

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GET EXCITED, ENCOURAGED, AND EQUIPPED BECAUSE **Parenting Never Ends**

What could be more important than being one of God's tools to form a human soul?

This is the high and holy calling of every mom and dad—a lifelong journey that doesn't conclude when your child leaves the home. In this new 3-session conference from pastor and author Paul Tripp, you will discover the biblical strategies for each development in your child, from toddler to teen to adult. With a session for grandparents and parents of adult children, moms and dads in every stage of life will be excited, encouraged, and equipped by this resource.

This series includes three, 30-minute video lessons, plus a Study Guide with questions for discussion. Here are a few suggestions on how you can implement this resource in your family life, small group, or church.



WATCH AS A COUPLE

Instead of watching your favorite TV show, why don't you set aside 60 minutes on three separate occasions to dive into the word of God with your spouse and set goals for your family? Watch the 30-minute teaching video, then use the Study Guide to have an intentional conversation, full of celebration, confession, and vision. Finish with prayer, asking the Lord to do what only he can do in the hearts of your children, and watch what God will do in your home!



USE AS YOUR NEXT CURRICULUM

For your next Bible Study, small group series, or Sunday school class, set aside three gatherings and use the videos for the teaching content and the Study Guide for discussion. Alternatively, instead of three weekly (or bi-weekly) small group settings, you could use Parenting Never Ends for a one-day or weekend parenting retreat.



SIMULCAST AS A FULL EVENT

There are two ways you can watch the Parenting Never Ends conference—either as three, 30-minute lessons or as a full two-hour simulcast. With the full simulcast, you watch the two-hour video as if you're watching the conference live. This is a great option for those that want to host a one-time event, rather than across three gatherings. If possible, we encourage you to figure out the best way to use the Discussion Questions after, either at a later date or immediately after watching the full simulcast event.

THE TWO-HOUR VIDEO RUNS AS FOLLOWS:

0:00 Who Is Paul Tripp? video

6:35 Welcome and introduction by Tiffany Johnson, emcee

9:45 Teaching Lesson 1 - Parenting Young Children

40:00 10-minute break

50:00 Teaching Lesson 2 - Parenting Maturing Children

1:20:05 10-minute break

1:30:00 Teaching Lesson 3 - Parenting Adult Children (and Grandparenting)

2:01:05 Video concludes

SESSION ONE

Parenting Young Children

KEY VERSE

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What has laid claim to the rulership of your heart since becoming a parent? How has raising sinful children in a fallen world exposed idols that you worship, perhaps previously unknown?
2. How can you use your identity as a worshipper and a sinner to relate to and empathize with your child, rather than condemning and punishing them for their sinful worship? Find opportunities to confess your own struggles and sin to them, and invite them into the confession and forgiveness process.
3. Consider all the forms of authority that you, as an adult, still need to live under. Do you ever struggle to submit to those sources of authority? When was the last time you rebelled against the authority that God has put over you? Share these struggles with your children.
4. When was the last time you exercised authority over your child that did not represent the love of God? What was ruling your heart at that moment? Have you confessed, with specificity, and sought the forgiveness of your child? If not, what is holding you back?
5. What authority battles have you been choosing to ignore, allowing your child to develop a delusional sense of self-sovereignty? How will this harm their well-being long term? How is exercising authority actually loving your child, more than giving in to their desires or demands? What can you do to exercise authority firmly, but with patience and love?
6. Create a list of practical ways that you can lavish your children with love. In what ways do each of your children have different giftings and preferences, and how can you love them uniquely? What is getting in the way of you spending quality time with your kids and expressing your explicit love for them?

ADDITIONAL READING

Introduction, “Ambassadors” from *Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family* by Paul David Tripp

Chapter 8, “Authority” from *Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family* by Paul David Tripp

1 John 4:7-21, “God Is Love”

SESSION TWO

Parenting Maturing Children

KEY VERSE

And he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves
but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

2 Corinthians 5:15

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Consider how long it has taken you to develop character. How has change in your heart and life been a process and not an event? Where are you still growing in the fruit of the Spirit? Shouldn't this increase your patience with your children?
2. What opportunities for character development do you ignore for the sake of convenience and temporary peace and quiet? How will this harm your children long term? How can you actively look for opportunities to speak about worship and the idols of their heart?
3. When was the last time you had an opportunity to engage with your child about their character and worship, but it was conducted too hastily or in anger and impatience? What was controlling your heart during that conversation?
4. What are the unique character struggles in each of your children's hearts? How do they sin in different ways? What idols rule their life and threaten their character? Are you investing the time to notice and address each of these separately?
5. What is each of your children interested in? Are you aware of their strengths and passions just as much as you are of their weaknesses and sins? How can you enter into their world by showing interest in their interests? Be specific.
6. Are you present enough in the lives of each of your children? Review your schedule or calendar. Based on the time you allocate to different activities, what appears to be the most important priority to you? List them in order.
7. What practical steps can you take to make your home a refuge of safety and a community of love for your children? Where do you need to sacrifice to accomplish this?

ADDITIONAL READING

Chapter 10, "Character" from *Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family* by Paul David Tripp

Chapter 11, "False Gods" from *Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family* by Paul David Tripp

Psalm 115, "To Your Name Give Glory"

SESSION THREE

Parenting Adult Children (and Grandparenting)

KEY VERSE

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Genesis 2:24

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How can you think about your parenting through the lens of legacy? Have you set long-term goals for your children and your relationship with them, long after they have left the home even if they are still young?
2. What are some repeated words, actions, or habits that you might have in your relationship with your child that could be causing long-term damage to that relationship? Do you need to seek help from others to change? If you have older children, is your relationship strained because of your sin? How can you confess and reconcile?
3. Is pride an obstacle to your parenting? Do you always need to be right? How can you practically practice humility as a mother or father? What can you learn from your child, regardless of their age or stage of life?
4. How can you be generous with your child, not necessarily with just financial resources, but also with your time or talent? Where are you selfishly hoarding these for your own pleasure? How can your generosity disciple the next generation to be generous for the Kingdom of God?
5. How have you struggled to transition from an authority figure to counselor? Where do you need to hold your tongue and respect the decisions your children make? Are you supportive or judgmental? How can you serve them with no agenda other than to bless them?

ADDITIONAL READING

Chapter 6, "Process" from *Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family* by Paul David Tripp

Chapter 11, "Leaving Home" from *Age of Opportunity: A Biblical Guide to Parenting Teens* by Paul David Tripp

Ephesians 4:1-3, "Unity in the Body of Christ"