

# DISCIPLESHIP track

Gospel › Men/Women › Marriage › Parenting

## for Parenting

Parenting is a high and noble calling. It is also a challenging and relentless calling. While it is easy to abdicate our responsibility to know and implement God's will in our parenting, it is hard to discover God's will and remain consistent in it in our parenting. This discipleship track is designed to help you parent for the glory of God, according to the Word of God. That is, it is our prayer that this track will help you love God with all you are in order that all of your parenting will flow from that love.

### consider.

- Why did God create families?
- What is the goal of parenting? What makes for a healthy family?
- What does good parenting look like? What does bad parenting look like? How do we know?
- What is your biggest joy, fear, and regret in parenting?

### pray.

#### Ask God to...

- make clear to you through Scripture what God-honoring parenting looks like for you.
- help you parent for His glory and the good of your kids.
- help you parent the heart of your kids with grace.
- give you the courage and strength to turn from sinful parenting habits you've fallen into.
- give you a love for your kids and for parenting them that honors him.

### read.

- *Shepherding a Child's Heart*, Tedd Tripp
- *Family Worship*, Joel Beeke

### do.

- Memorize Deuteronomy 6:4-9
- Develop a biblical vision for your family and parent out of it.
- Commit to making the gospel the center of your parenting.
- Consistently and intentionally discipline your kids formatively and correctively.
- Work to create self-sufficient, mature Christian adults of your children.
- Parent in love.
- Commit to consistent, joyful family worship.



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#### For Further Reading...

*Family Driven Faith*, Voddie Baucham (Philosophy of parenting)  
*Preparing Children for Marriage*, Josh Mulvihill  
*Parenting with Loving Correction*, Sam Crabtree (Practical)  
*Hints on Child Training*, Clay Trumbull (Practical, older english)

# **purpose.**

The primary call on all our lives is to glorify God by following Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. The desire and ability to live out this call are the result of a beautiful merging of God's sovereign grace and our dependent effort. At Grace Church we are committed to coming alongside anyone who is interested in examining and accepting this call. It is our joy to follow Jesus with you.

# **covenant.**

One of the most popular and tragic counterfeit versions of Christianity in existence today is the one which suggests that people can choose to follow Jesus to some (or even most) of the places that he goes—that people can come to Jesus on their own terms. Throughout the time of his ministry, however, Jesus made it plain that people would follow him wherever he might lead them and whatever it might cost them or they would not follow him at all (i.e. Matthew 8:19-22; Luke 14:25-33). Jesus will meet us wherever we are but he alone determines where we're going. Indeed, the bible makes plain the fact that there is a high cost to following Jesus. But the bible also makes plain that the reward is incomparably greater (Matthew 13:44) and that the strength to do so comes ultimately from God (Philippians 2:12-13).

Consequently, we want to mutually enter into a covenant—an agreement that is serious and significant. Before agreeing to begin this discipleship track, know that it should only be entered into after much prayer (with your spouse if you are married), consideration, and with a whole heart. It may bring spiritual challenges but it will most certainly bring God's help and reward.

- I agree to finish this discipleship track. Given the significant investment that others are making in me I acknowledge the need for punctuality and uninterrupted attendance.
- I agree to be honest and forthright—speaking the truth in love and being willing to receive feedback, even if it hurts. We can only help each other if we are willing to be transparent and vulnerable.
- I commit to completing assignments and coming prepared to engage fully.
- I commit to consistent prayer for the person that I'm meeting with.
- I commit to the consistent disciplines of reading God's Word and prayer during this discipleship track.
- Finally, I commit to leading at least one other person through this discipleship track in the future.

In short, we're asking you to commit to taking this seriously and sharing it with at least one other person as an expression of your love for God and the calling He's placed on your life.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_