

Week 12: Who Am I As A Parent?

2 Views of Parenting

OWNERSHIP VIEW

These children _____ to me so I can parent them in the way I see fit.

Ownership parenting is motivated and shaped by what parents want _____ their children and _____ their children.

Ownership parenting is a _____ in thinking and motivation that puts you on a trajectory that leads you away from God's design.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Psalms 127:3

Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD. The fruit of the womb a reward.

AMBASSADOR VIEW

Begins with recognition that your children don't _____ to you.

God's plan for parents is that you would be ambassadors in the lives of the children that have been formed in His image and _____ to your care.

Ambassadorial parenting cannot be shaped or directed by _____ interest, _____ need, or _____ perspectives.

Parenting is not first about what you want _____ your children or _____ your children, but about what God in grace has planned to do through you _____ your children.

For most of us, ownership parenting and ambassadorial parenting represent a _____ that is fought on the turf of our hearts.

Ownership vs Ambassador Evaluation

Identity: Where do you look to find your sense of who you are as an

Owner: _____

Ambassador: Ephesians 2:4-10 _____

Work: How do you define the work of parenting as an

Owner: _____

Ambassador: Ephesians 3:14- 4:1 _____

Success: How do you define successful parenting as an

Owner: _____

Ambassador: Colossians 3:12-17 _____

Reputation: As a parent, what tells others who you are and what you're about as an

Owner: _____

Ambassador: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 _____

5 Values of "Ambassador" Parenting

VALUE #1- FIGHT FOR THE HEART

Beware of winning the fight for right _____ and losing the _____ in the process.

How do you adopt a "fight for the heart" mentality in your parenting?

Communicate in a way that shows value for the _____.

Connect what you do as a parent to the _____.

Why is it important to "fight for the heart?"

1) _____

As a parent, you are not just dealing with bad behavior but a condition that causes bad behavior.

2) _____

The foolishness inside your children is more dangerous to them than the temptation outside of them.

3) _____

You are parenting a worshiper, so it is important to remember that what rules your children's hearts will control their behavior.

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VALUE #2- CREATE A RHYTHM

Increase the quantity of _____ time you spend together.

Why is it important to “create a rhythm” in your home?

Rhythm in your home actually shapes your family _____.

What happens in your home is more important than what happens at _____.

What “rhythm” pattern did God give us in Scripture? See Deuteronomy 6:4-9

How does the church help you “create a rhythm?”

TIMES	COMMUNICATION	ROLE	GOAL
Morning Time	Encouraging Words	Coach	Instill Purpose
Drive Time	Informal Discussion	Friend	Interpret Life
Meal Time	Formal Discussion	Teacher	Establish Values
Bed Time	Intimate Conversation	Counselor	Build Intimacy

Resource (not a replacement)

Partner

Community

Important Reminders About Rhythm

Be _____ with your rhythm

Create a rhythm that is _____ for your children

Participate in _____ that are designed for the family

Find a rhythm that _____ for your family

VALUE #3- MAKE IT PERSONAL

If you want it to be in them, it needs to be in _____.

What principles do I need to apply in my life to “make it personal?”

Everything doesn't have to be _____ in you or about you before you can be a positive influence in your children's lives.

Your children already have a “front-row seat” to your life. The question is, what are they _____?

Think about what you might have to _____ doing so you can start prioritizing your spiritual growth.

Find a gospel-centered _____ of parents.

Invest in your _____.

Rest in God's _____.

Grow _____.

- 1) Find a Bible reading plan
- 2) Memorize Scripture
- 3) Keep a prayer journal
- 4) Articulate your faith
- 5) Worship God with your life

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VALUE #4- WIDEN THE CIRCLE

_____ others to _____ in your children.

How do you adopt a “widen the circle” mentality in your parenting?

Pursue _____ relationships for your sons and daughters.

Move from a _____ mentality to a _____ mentality.

Why is it necessary to “widen the circle?”

1) _____

Recognizing what you are unable to do is essential to good parenting

2) _____

If you are not resting as a parent in your identity in Christ, you will look for identity in your children.

3) _____

Nothing is more important in your life than being ONE of God's tools to shape a child's understanding of God.

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VALUE #5- IMAGINE THE END

Focus your priorities on what matters _____.

How do you adopt an “imagine the end” mentality in your parenting?

Distinguish between what _____ and what _____.

Why is it important to “imagine the end?”

1) _____

You must be committed to long-view parenting because change is a process and not an event.

2) _____

Children need God’s law, but you cannot ask the law to do what only grace can accomplish.

3) _____

One of the foundational heart issues in the life of every child is authority. Teaching and modeling the protective beauty of authority is one of the foundations of good parenting.

4) _____

God never calls you to a task without giving you what you need to do it. He never sends you without going with you.

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CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION AT HOME

THINGS OUR CHILDREN NEED

Guidance (Proverbs 11:14; Psalm 31:3)

Protection (Isaiah 31:5; Psalm 91:1)

Instruction (Psalm 25:8; Jeremiah 35:13)

Wisdom (James 1:5; 1 Corinthians 1:30)

Authority Romans 13:1; Matthew 28:18)

Rules (Psalm 19:7; Psalm 119:151)

Structure (Jeremiah 29:11; Psalm 33:11)

Preparation (Proverbs 16:9; 2 Peter 1:3)

Understanding (Psalm 119:99; Psalm 119:130)

Confrontation (Psalm 94:10; Hebrews 3:13)

Discipline (Deuteronomy 8:5; Hebrews 12:6)

Warning (Deuteronomy 32:46; Psalm 19:11)

Love (Exodus 34:6; John 3:16)

Forgiveness (Psalm 130:4; Colossians 3:13)

Security (Job 24:23; Psalm 12:7)

How can you be used by God to help ensure your children have these things?
