

A man with glasses is shown in a crowd, covering his face with his hands. The background is a blurred crowd of people, and the entire image has a red color cast. The text 'CRAZY BUSY' is overlaid in large, white, bold letters.

CRAZY BUSY

Part 5 - Child-Obsessed Parenting

*And as your servant was busy here
and there, he was gone...*

- 1 Kings 20:40 ESV

DIAGNOSTIC QUESTION #4

Am I Freaking Out
About My Kids?



***And now a word to you parents.
Don't keep on scolding and nagging
your children, making them angry
and resentful. Rather, bring them up
with the loving discipline the Lord
himself approves, with suggestions
and godly advice.***

- Ephesians 6:4 TLB

Children are Less Fragile
Than You Think.



Children are Less Moldable
Than You'd Like.



***Parents don't come down too hard
on your children or you'll crush
their spirits.***

- Colossians 3:21 MSG

The “Parenting Proverb” Problem

Does a Godly Home Guarantee Godly Kids?



***Train up a child in the way he
should go; even when he is old,
he will not depart from it.***

- Proverbs 22:6 ESV

It is Not a Promise
but a Principle.



It Leads to
Unwarranted Guilt.



It Promotes
Foolish Pride.



Parenting: A Sacred Responsibility



And I declare to [Eli] that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them.

- 1 Samuel 3:13 ESV

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1. Saturate Them
with God's Word

Write these commandments that I've given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street...

- Deuteronomy 6:6-9 MSG

...talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night. Tie them on your hands and foreheads as a reminder; inscribe them on the doorposts of your homes and on your city gates.

- Deuteronomy 6:6-9 MSG

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2. Don't Avoid the Power of Discipline

13 *Don't fail to discipline your children. The rod of punishment won't kill them. 14 Physical discipline may well save them from death.*

- Proverbs 23:13-14 NLT



3. See Them as
Gifts of God

Don't you see that children are God's best gift? the fruit of the womb his generous legacy? Like a warrior's fistful of arrows are the children of a vigorous youth. Oh, how blessed are you parents, with your quivers full of children!

- Psalm 127:3-4 MSG

A blurred crowd of people at night, overlaid with a white text box. The background is a dense crowd of people, mostly in light-colored clothing, moving in various directions. The scene is dimly lit, with a strong red or orange tint. The text is centered in the white box.

4. Love them
Like Crazy

With each of you we were like a father with his child, holding your hand, whispering encouragement, showing you step-by-step how to live well before God, who called us into his own kingdom, into this delightful life.

- 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12 MSG



**5. Lead them
to Christ**

***The soul that sins is the soul that dies.
The child does not share the guilt of
the parent, nor the parent the guilt of
the child. If you live upright and well,
you get the credit; if you live a wicked
life, you're guilty as charged.***

- Ezekiel 18:20 MSG

This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

- 1 John 4:10 NLT