
Recommended Reading

Shepherding a Child's Heart by Tedd Tripp
Give them Grace by Elyse Fitzpatrick & Jessica Thompson
Gospel-Powered Parenting by William Farley
What the Bible Says About Parenting by John MacArthur

Course outline:

Week 1 – God's Purpose for the Family

Week 2 – The Ministry of the Family

Week 3 – Family Worship

Week 4 – Getting to the Heart of Behavior

Week 5 – Formative Discipline: Our Words to Their Hearts

Week 6 – What to Do When You Can't Reach the Heart

Week 7 – Corrective Discipline: The Rod of Correction

Week 8 – Boys & Fatherhood

Week 9 – Girls & Motherhood

Week 10 – Panel discussion

Week 11 – Children, Technology & Social Media

Week 12 – Zealous Spiritual Parenting

Week 13 – Lessons Kids (and Adults) Need to Learn: Proverbs



Core Seminars – Christian Life Parenthood

Week 4

Getting to the Heart of Behavior

- **Introduction**
 - **Christianity is inherently familial**

 - **We want our relationships with our children to image for the world our relationship with God**

 - **Our goals for our children**
 - **Ages 0-5 – training them to be people under authority**
 - **Ages 6-12 – helping them grow in character**

 - **How we often instinctively attempt this**

 - **Why this approach falls short**

- **The importance of the heart**
 - **The heart is the well-spring of behavior; so behavior reveals what we worship.**
 - **Prov. 4:23**
 - **Mark 7:21**
 - **Luke 6:45**
 - **Our parenting is often designed to control behavior.**
 - **Of course, we must control behavior, but that must not be the whole story.**
- **Examples of how to reach the heart**
 - **1 year-old Jack**
 - **2 year-old Christina**
 - **4 year-old Sandra**
 - **6 year-old Michael**
- **Common questions about heart-centered parenting**
 - **How can I expect obedience from the heart if my children aren't Christians?**
 - **Do I do this every time they disobey?**
 - **This is hard work, and I'm discouraged!**
- **Conclusion**