

Raising Parents Seminar: Intro



Goal of Parenting:

Categories for Parenting:

Gradual Release Model

Step 1:	Step 2:	Step 3:	Step 4:
Parent:	Parent:	Parent:	Parent:
Kid:	Kid:	Kid:	Kid:

The Shema: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Modeling Phase	Discipling Phase	Releasing Phase
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The Feeding of the 5,000: John 6:1-15

Traits of the one who disciples

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Traits of a disciple

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

My Next Steps:

TOP TEN



OWN IT!



This is a turning point. It will be life changing. We promise. For your kids, but also for you. BUT things will get hard. You will want to quit. But right now make a commitment that **wholeheartedly** following the Lord and discipling your kids will be your top priority. It needs to be your main goal. When it gets hard, you can return to this moment and remind yourself of why you did this.

It will require sacrifice. Moving forward, your thinking, decisions, words and actions all need to be filtered through the lens of wholeheartedly following the Lord and teaching your kids to do the same thing. You will never regret this commitment!

 **Write**

Why have you decided to make this commitment?

Try This!

When the enemy tries to get you to stop, make an intentional effort to overload the lies with truth! For every discouraging thought (lie) about quitting or why you can't do this, come up with 2 ways that God has shown Himself faithful, or a verse that speaks the Truth. Record them here. You can look back here when you are having those hard times!

TRUTHS

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Read

Pslam 37: 1-11



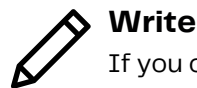
Pray

Tell God that you want to step into this commitment. Ask him for help.

READ THE BIBLE



This is like no other book you've ever read. The Bible is known as the only book that as you read it, it also reads you. The Bible will reveal just as much about you as it will about God. It is powerful. It is the living Word of God. Remember- God created the whole earth by only speaking a few words. Imagine what He can do with a whole book of them!



If you could ask God to use His all-powerful words to accomplish something, what would you ask for? Why?

**Read**

Psalm 4

Look at how the word "dwell" is used in Psalm 4:8 and Psalm 37:3. Picture yourself following God's instructions to dwell. What does dwelling look like and feel like?

Now read Colossians 3:12-17. Look at verse 16. What is supposed to dwell in YOU?



How do you feel thinking about how powerful God's Word is and that God instructs us to have it dwell in us.

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PRAY



Remember the God that spoke the universe into being? The One that gave you the Bible as a way to speak to you? That same God also wants to hear what YOU have to say to HIM. Why? Why would a God that big and powerful want to hear what you have to say? Especially if He already knows everything? Simple. Because He cares. He loves you and He wants to talk to you and have you talk to Him. It's extremely personal. Don't worry about what you're going to say. Just talk to Him.

Write

How do you feel hearing that God wants to hear what you have to say?

Read

Matthew 6: 5-15

Pray

Using the word ACTS is a helpful tool when building a habit of prayer. Following the letters in order.

Adoration: Spend time praising God for who He is.

Confession: Confess and ask for forgiveness for any sin you haven't repented for.

Thanksgiving: Thank God for the things He's given you and what He's done.

Supplication: This is a fancy word for ask. Ask God for what you need. And even what you want.

GO TO CHURCH



You are not meant to do faith and life alone. It was one of the first things God said when He made Adam (Genesis 2:18). God designed us to learn and grow in community with other believers. If you have not found a church, start looking. Since the goal is spiritual growth, look for a church that will teach you the Bible. Look for a church that will say the hard things that you don't want to hear, but you need to. Look for a church that will help you grow, and people that also want to grow.



What is one thing you want from going to church for yourself? What is one thing you want from going to church for your kids?



Read
Acts 2:42-47

What are some of the things that the early Christians experienced because they were in fellowship (God-centered relationships) with each other?

Acts 4:45 references selling possessions to give to those who had need. This is not a command, telling you to do this. Instead, it is showing that there is a response when we engage in fellowship. In this case, the response was to help with the physical needs of the other believers. What is a response you have had while engaging in fellowship?



Ask God to continue to give you the strength to engage in and commit to fellowship and to take the steps to grow.