

Parenting on Purpose

It's Just a Phase

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(Psalm 127:3–5, NLT)*

The Bible Says that Children are:

- 1) A **REWARD** (Psalm 127:3)

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- 2) A **JOY**

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- 3) A **DELIGHT**

“Discipline your children, and they will give you peace; they will bring you the delights you desire.” (Proverbs 29:17, NIV)

- 4) A **PICTURE**

“As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.” (Psalm 103:13, ESV)

Then why is Parenting so **HARD**?

- 1) Every **CHILD** is different.
- 2) Every **CIRCUMSTANCE** is different.
- 3) Every **PHASE** is different.

I can either parent with **WISDOM**, or I can **WING IT**.

If I am wise I will:

- 1) be purposeful in my DIRECTION.

*“Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.”
(Proverbs 22:6, NLT)*

- 2) be purposeful in my CORRECTION.

*“Discipline your son, for there is hope; do not set your heart on putting him to death.”
(Proverbs 19:18, ESV)*

Oak Ridge is here help!

- 1) CATCH each message.
- 2) LOAD the Parent Cue App.
- 3) LISTEN to the PCL Podcast.
- 4) CHOOSE the parenting small group material