

**Gospel-Powered Legacy: Teaching, Loving, and Launching in Grace**  
**Various Scriptures**

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**Main Point:** Gospel-Powered parents prayerfully seek to raise and launch children with three biblical characteristics: they are *saved*, they are *standing apart* from the world, and they are gaining *spiritual wisdom*.

1. **SAVED** - Make Teaching Your Children the Gospel Your First Priority.

Mark 8:34-36 - ***“And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?”***

A. Live so your children can see you have been “crucified with Christ”

B. Weave conversations about the Gospel and Scripture into daily life

C. Implore your children to respond to the Gospel with *repentance* and *faith*

2. **STANDING APART** - Warn Your Children of the Dangers of Loving the World.

1 John 2:15-17 - ***“Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and its lust; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.”***

A. Warn them not to be enticed by the world’s false promises

B. Pray they develop an eternal perspective

C. Encourage their understanding of *“the love of the Father”*

3. **SPIRITUALLY WISE** - Pray Your Children Will Be Wise and Pleasing to the Lord.

Colossians 1:9-10 – ***“For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.”***

A. Pray they will know God’s will for their lives

B. Pray they will gain spiritual *wisdom*, not just knowledge

C. Pray they will bear righteous fruit in their lives

Recommended resources:

*Ready for Responsibility: How to Equip Your Children for Work and Marriage*

by Dr. Bob Barnes

*You Never Stop Being a Parent: Thriving in Relationship with Your Adult Children*

by Jim Newheiser and Elyse Fitzpatrick