



Shepherding a Child's Heart by Tedd Tripp

The Problem

- Many in our culture have children but they don't want to function as parents.
- There can't be family roles for the father and the mother.
- The egalitarian view gives the children the same level of authority as the parents.
- Children are diagnosed with ADHD when the real problem is no respect for authority.
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Three Focus Areas

Authority

- Matthew 8:5-10
- Parents do not have inherent authority over their children, but derived authority.
- The first authority your children learn is the authority in the home under Mom and Dad.
- Your goal is not to have your children submit to your authority, but to God's authority as revealed in his Word.
- Matthew 28:18
- Mark 10:45
- John 13:3-5
- God has granted us authority over our children, yet we gladly serve them.
- Parents also, correct their children, discipline their children, teach their children, and guide their children.
- As parents, we cannot require obedience without letting our children understand that we are requiring obedience because that is what God requires of all of us, parents and children alike.

Shepherding

- Shepherding children involves teaching them about who they are, who God is, and the world that they live in.
- Our parenting cannot be ultimately based on what is pleasing to us.
- Proverbs 13:20
- We only want our children to follow us if we are following Christ.
- 1 Corinthians 11:1

The Gospel

- Authority and shepherding must center in the gospel. The gospel is the central focus of parenting.
- The ultimate parenting goal is not well-behaved children, but children that understand sin and the remedy for sin.



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- Parenting is discipleship.
 - Whenever a parent gives the law, the parent must also give the gospel.
 - The gospel is central because it is only through the gospel that you and your children will rightly relate to one another.

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