

False Gods of Parenting
1 Chronicles 22 & 28
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- Desiring and pushing for a life of EARTHLY GLORY for our children is idolatry; our children are to glorify God above anything the world has to offer.

James 4:4

- Biblical success boils down to one's relationship with and obedience to God.
- Success with God stems from humility, integrity, generosity, and worship.

It's so easy to lose sight of the fact that these are God's children. They don't belong to us. They're not given to bring us glory, but him. Our kids are from him, they exist through him, and the glory of their lives points to him. We're only agents to accomplish his plans. We're only instruments in his hands. Our identity is rooted in him and his call to us, not in our children and their performance. As parents, we're in trouble whenever we lose sight of these vertical realities. Whenever parenting is reduced to our hard work, the child's performance, and the reputation of the family, it becomes very hard for us to respond with selfless faithfulness in the face of our child's failure. — Paul Trip

Discussion Questions

- a. What was one of your major accomplishments as a child and how did your parents react to it?
- b. What did you think success was when you were younger?
- c. In what ways have you seen God move and help you achieve what you have set out to do?
- d. What do you think is the worst characteristic that keeps people, especially Christians, from success?
- e. What are some ways you can train up your child to know what true success is with the Lord?