



Series: This is Life

Passage Colossians 3:20-21

Title Parenting Clarity in a Corrupt World

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Discussion Starter

What points of parenting clarity seem to resonate with you from this week's sermon? How do they compare to what the world is promoting?

Qualifications of a Parent (Colossians 3:20-21)

- What qualifies us to be a good parent? To whom does Colossians 3:20 apply to and why?
- How do we know that God loves and desires that we have children? Read Psalm 127:3-5 and Matthew 19:13-14. What additional insights do we gain from these scriptures?

God's View on Parenting

- Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9. What do you see as the key foundational point that God is communicating to parents on how to properly raise their children in these verses? What guidelines are given for teaching our children and how should we apply them today?
- Read Proverbs 22:6. What do you think this verse means?
- What are some of the keys that will enable you to find teachable moments with your children?

The Importance of Recognizing the Season of Parenting

- What are some of the questions we should first ask ourselves before overreacting to a child's disobedience? How does this relate to the season of parenting that we are in?
- As parents, if it is our desire to develop our children's spiritual maturity, how do we incorporate methods of building their emotional and behavioral maturity? How do these all work together?
- How do we teach our children behavioral maturity? Read Proverbs 1:8-9, 3:11-12. What do these verses reveal to us about how to develop our children?
- Read Colossians 3:21. What is the warning we see in this verse? How do we know if we have gone too far in the discipline of our children? Are there any times you can recall that you have gone too far?
- How was discipline done when you were a child? How do you apply discipline in your family today? If you don't have children yet, how would you think of applying discipline in your future family?
- How does pain have a purpose in God's plan for raising your children?
- What role does encouragement play in developing your child's spiritual maturity? What is the danger of worthless praise? How do we encourage with words of Christ Centered Affirmation?
- What role do you think healthy touch and physical affection play in your child's development?
- How would you define the intentional time you spend with your children?