

BELOVED DISCIPLES LEARNING COURSES

PARENTING

Quick Resources to Watch:

- “Parenting is a Process, Not an Event,” by Paul David Tripp
<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/video/parenting-process-not-event/>
- “Parenting with Christ in Mind,” by Kathy Chapell
https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/conference_media/parenting-christ-mind/

Quick Resources to Read:

- “Parenting 001,” by Kevin DeYoung
<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/kevin-deyoung/parenting-001/>
- “Attention, Affection, Authority: Primer for Parenting Young Children,” by Bob Kauflin
<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/attention-affection-authority>

Other Resources to Utilize:

- “The Jesus Storybook Bible,” by Sally Lloyd-Jones
<https://www.amazon.com/Jesus-Storybook-Bible-Every-Whispers-ebook/dp/B00GLLP7TG/>
- “The New City Catechism,” by Tim Keller
<https://www.amazon.com/New-City-Catechism-Questions-Coalition/dp/1433555077/>
- “The Talk: 7 Lessons to Introduce Your Child to Biblical Sexuality,” by Luke Gilkerson
<https://www.amazon.com/Talk-Lessons-Introduce-Biblical-Sexuality/dp/1500659444/>
- *God’s Big Story Podcast*
- *The Family Discipleship Podcast*
- *Tiny Theologians Podcast*
- *He Restores My Soul Podcast* by Jani Ortlund

Recommended In-Depth Readings:

- “Habits of the Household,” by Justin Earley
<https://www.amazon.com/Habits-Household-Practicing-Everyday-Rhythms-ebook/dp/B08ZM9TQS3/>
- “Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles that Can Radically Change Your Family,” by Paul David Tripp
<https://www.amazon.com/Parenting-Gospel-Principles-Radically-Change-ebook/dp/B01ER3UWXE/>



“Habits of the Household,” by Justin Earley

Reading Discussion Guide

Introduction

1. Reflection Question: What are your initial thoughts on the concept of "Habits of the Household" as presented by Justin Earley in the introduction?
2. Reflection Question: What motivated you to read this book? What do you hope to learn or achieve by the end?

Chapter 1: Waking

1. Reflection Question: How does Earley suggest we approach the habit of waking in a household setting?
2. Reflection Question: What are some practical steps you can take to make waking a more intentional and positive experience for your family?

Chapter 2: Mealtimes

1. Reflection Question: Why does Earley emphasize the importance of shared mealtimes?
2. Reflection Question: How can you create more meaningful and connected mealtimes in your household?

Chapter 3: Discipline

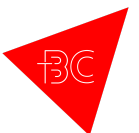
1. Reflection Question: What insights does Earley provide about the role of discipline in a household?
2. Reflection Question: How can you implement these insights to foster a more constructive and loving approach to discipline?

Chapter 4: Screen Time

1. Reflection Question: How does Earley suggest we manage screen time in a household?
2. Reflection Question: What changes can you make to ensure screen time is balanced and intentional in your family?

Chapter 5: Family Devotions

1. Reflection Question: What are the benefits of family devotions according to Earley?
2. Reflection Question: How can you establish or enhance the practice of family devotions in your household?



Chapter 6: Work

1. Reflection Question: How does Earley propose we integrate work habits into household life?
2. Reflection Question: What steps can you take to model and teach a healthy work ethic to your family?

Chapter 7: Play

1. Reflection Question: Why is play an essential habit in the household according to Earley?
2. Reflection Question: How can you incorporate more meaningful play into your family's routine?

Chapter 8: Conversation

1. Reflection Question: How does Earley highlight the importance of conversation in a household?
2. Reflection Question: What strategies can you use to foster deeper and more frequent conversations within your family?

Chapter 9: Prayer

1. Reflection Question: What role does prayer play in the household habits Earley discusses?
2. Reflection Question: How can you make prayer a more integral part of your daily family life?

Chapter 10: Bedtime

1. Reflection Question: How does Earley suggest we approach the habit of bedtime in a household setting?
2. Reflection Question: What are some practical steps you can take to make bedtime a more peaceful and meaningful routine for your family?

Conclusion

1. Reflection Question: Reflect on your overall experience reading the book. What are the most impactful lessons you've learned about household habits?
2. Reflection Question: How will you apply the insights and principles from this book to your household routines?

Personal Reflection:

- Reflection Question: Write a personal reflection on how this book has influenced your understanding and practice of household habits.



- Reflection Question: Identify one or two key takeaways that you will implement to enhance your household routines.

Group Discussion:

1. Reflection Question: What was the most surprising or enlightening part of the book for you?
2. Reflection Question: How can we support each other in applying the principles discussed in this book to our household routines?

Prayer and Commitment:

1. Reflection Question: Spend some time in prayer, asking for guidance and strength to apply the teachings of this book to your household.
2. Reflection Question: Consider making a commitment to regularly review and discuss the principles from this book with a trusted group of friends or within a small group.



“Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles that can Radically Change Your Family,” by Paul David Tripp

Reading Discussion Guide

Introduction

1. Reflection Question: What are your initial thoughts on the concept of gospel-centered parenting as presented by Paul Tripp in the introduction?
2. Reflection Question: What motivated you to read this book? What do you hope to learn or achieve by the end?

Principle 1: Calling - Nothing is more important in your life than being one of God’s tools to form a human soul.

1. Reflection Question: How does Tripp define the calling of parenting?
2. Reflection Question: In what ways can you see your role as a parent as a divine calling?

Principle 2: Grace - God never calls you to a task without giving you what you need to do it. He never sends you without going with you.

1. Reflection Question: How does understanding God’s grace change your perspective on parenting?
2. Reflection Question: How can you rely more on God’s grace in your daily parenting struggles?

Principle 3: Law - Your children need God’s law, but you cannot ask the law to do what only grace can accomplish.

1. Reflection Question: What is the distinction between law and grace in the context of parenting?
2. Reflection Question: How can you balance the teaching of law with the application of grace in your family?

Principle 4: Inability - Recognizing what you are unable to do is essential to good parenting.

1. Reflection Question: Why is it important to acknowledge your limitations as a parent?
2. Reflection Question: How can this principle of inability lead to a healthier dependence on God?

Principle 5: Identity - If you are not resting as a parent in your identity in Christ, you will look for identity in your children.

1. Reflection Question: How does your identity in Christ influence your approach to parenting?



2. Reflection Question: What steps can you take to ensure your identity is rooted in Christ rather than your children's performance or behavior?

Principle 6: Process - You must be committed as a parent to long-view parenting because change is a process and not an event.

1. Reflection Question: Why is it important to view parenting as a long-term process?
2. Reflection Question: How can you cultivate patience and persistence in your parenting journey?

Principle 7: Lost - As a parent, you're not dealing just with bad behavior, but a condition that causes bad behavior.

1. Reflection Question: How does Tripp's explanation of the condition of being "lost" shape your understanding of your children's behavior?
2. Reflection Question: How can you address the heart condition behind your children's actions rather than just the actions themselves?

Principle 8: Authority - One of the foundational heart issues in the life of every child is authority.

1. Reflection Question: How should parents exercise their authority in a way that reflects God's authority?
2. Reflection Question: What are some ways you can reinforce healthy respect for authority in your household?

Principle 9: Foolishness - The foolishness inside your children is more dangerous to them than the temptation outside of them.

1. Reflection Question: What does Tripp mean by the "foolishness" inside your children?
2. Reflection Question: How can you address and guide your children through their inherent foolishness?

Principle 10: Character - Not all of the wrong your children do is a direct rebellion to authority; much of it is the result of a lack of character.

1. Reflection Question: How can you focus on building your children's character rather than just correcting behavior?
2. Reflection Question: What practical steps can you take to develop godly character in your children?

Principle 11: False Gods - You are parenting a worshiper, so it's important to remember that what rules your child's heart will control his behavior.

1. Reflection Question: How do false gods or idols manifest in your children's lives?



2. Reflection Question: How can you help your children identify and turn away from these idols?

Principle 12: Control - The goal of parenting is not control of behavior but rather heart and life change.

1. Reflection Question: How does the goal of heart change differ from merely controlling behavior?
2. Reflection Question: What strategies can you use to focus more on heart change in your parenting?

Principle 13: Rest - It is only rest in God's presence and grace that will make you a joyful and patient parent.

1. Reflection Question: How does resting in God's presence and grace affect your parenting?
2. Reflection Question: What practical ways can you find rest in God amidst the demands of parenting?

Principle 14: Mercy - No parent gives mercy better than one who is convinced that he desperately needs it himself.

1. Reflection Question: How does recognizing your own need for mercy influence the way you parent?
2. Reflection Question: How can you create a culture of mercy in your home?

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