



INTENTIONAL *parenting*

Part 1 - The Greatest Influence in a Child's Life **March 3, 2024**

What steps can you take to become more intentional in shaping your child's (or grandchild's) values and character. What are some specific values you want to instill? How can you model these values consistently in your own life?

Read: Genesis 2:24

How does prioritizing marriage contribute to effective parenting? How can it shape children's future relationships? In what ways does this create a better environment in the home and strengthen your marriage?

Discuss your thoughts on each the following 3 quotes:

1. "No child will become a responsible adult if their parents carry the load for them."
2. "We give our children too much privilege and not enough responsibility."
3. "We create environments for our children to succeed, rather than teaching them to succeed in environments we can't control."

Is your current balance between giving your children (or grandchildren) privileges and responsibilities healthy? In what ways can you empower them with more responsibility to prepare them for adulthood?

"Parenting is a journey from control to influence."

How can you shift your mindset from controlling children to influencing them positively? How can this shift assist them in becoming more responsible? What strategies can you implement to become a more influential parent or grandparent?

Read: Deuteronomy 6:4-7

How can you integrate conversations about faith and values into your daily interactions with your children (or grandchildren)?

Read: 2 Timothy 1:5 & 3:14-15

How can you create an environment in your home that nurtures and strengthens a child's faith journey?

Read: Philippians 3:13

If you are a parent, you have regrets. How can you let go of past regrets and embrace the opportunity for redemption in your parenting journey? What steps can you take to trust in God's design for your family and seek His guidance moving forward?