

# Spiritual Parenting

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Deut 6:4-12(NLT)

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Things change in life-it's inevitable; nothing remains the same. But what about parenting? Has God's will for parents changed concerning their children?

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We have laws that encourage the abuse of God's will for the family unit; divorce and family break ups can be done quickly and online; dysfunctional families are the norm today instead of the exception and we have a generation of children being raised in homes in which the nature of God is never experienced. It's difficult being a parent in this age. Parenting is not for the weak.

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1). All parents start out as beginners:

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That's when it hit us; what do we do with it?

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John 14:15-18(NLT)

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At times the Lord taught us things we didn't know; He sent people across our paths who had the answers we needed, or he gave us the

emotional and physical strength to walk through the valley of the unknowns.

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All parents start out as beginners, but we have a helper who is a father to the fatherless and has raised a perfect, son~so He has the experience we lack.

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- 1). All parents start out as beginners:
  - 2). Parenting is the most important work we will ever do!

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- My first responsibility is to provide for my family

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- My first responsibility is to nurture my family

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Fathers~what are you supposed to provide?  
Mothers from what motivation are you to nurture?

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According to the Father of the human race~ as parents we have a responsibility~ to provide and nurture our children toward a relationship with God.

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Deut 6:4-9(NLT)

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As a father, I have a responsibility to provide for the physical needs of my family. As a mother I have a responsibility to provide for the emotional needs of my family. As parents we both have a

responsibility to provide for the spiritual needs of our families.

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Children are born into this world with limited rights.

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They don't have the right to vote; they don't have the right to drive; they don't have the right to work and earn a living; they don't have the right to higher education; they don't have the right to hold office; they don't have a right to voice their opinion; they don't have a right to wear clothing that expresses their personality; they don't a right to eat ice cream all day; they don't have a right to miss school and they don't have a right to not brush their teeth.

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- 1). They have the right to a home.
- 2). They have the right to an education.

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- 3). They have the right to be loved.
- 4). They have the right to a safe environment.

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- 5). They have the right to our time.
- 6). They have the right to be listened to.

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- 7). They have the right to learn of God.

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- God's Word is taught to adults,
- Then God's Word is to be passed on to children.

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Parents cannot teach children the truths of the Bible if they do not know and treasure it themselves.

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There is a progression: parents first, children second. Parents are to incorporate God into the daily rhythms of life such as meal time, bed time, and travel time.