

# Parenting - Cultivating Yahweh Worship

# Idols In The Heart

Ezek 16:3 men “have set up idols in their hearts”. John Calvin explained, “From this we may gather that man’s nature, so to speak, is a perpetual factory of idols”

*(Institutes, 1:11, p. 108)*

# Parenting - Cultivating Yahweh Worship Message

Biblical parenting cultivates the  
worship of Yahweh in both the  
parent and the child

The worship of Yahweh/Jesus is your ultimate goal in parenting

Both parents and children need to understand their tendency to idolatry

Both parents and children need to understand their deep need of Jesus

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# Parenting in Deuteronomy 6

“you are to discuss with your children the relevancy of Scripture not only to all of life’s situations, but while you and they are actually in the midst of those situations”

(Lou Priolo, *Teach Them Diligently*,  
p. 16)

## Seek heart change, not behavior only

“This shepherding process is a richer interaction than telling your child what to do and think. It involves investing your life in your child in open and honest communication that unfolds the meaning and purpose of life”

Tedd Tripp, *Shepherding A Child's Heart*, p. 15

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“The central focus of parenting is the Gospel. You need to direct not simply the behavior of your children, but the attitudes of their hearts...Your children desperately need to understand not only the external “what” they did wrong, but also the internal “why” they did it. You must help them see that God works from the inside out” because “the heart is the control center of life”

Tedd Tripp, *Shepherding A Child's Heart*,  
pp. 15, 20, Prov 4:23; Mt 15:18-20; Lk 6:45)

# Authority is not power

“God has given you *authority* for the work of change, but has not granted you the *power* to make that change happen”

(Paul Tripp, *Parenting*, p. 61)



# ***Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family***

He wrote this book “to help you see how radically different parenting becomes when you quit trying to produce change and become a willing tool of the grace that rescues, forgives, and changes”

(Paul Tripp, *Parenting*, p. 20)

# Ownership model of parenting

“parenting is not first about what we want *for* our children or *from* our children, but about what God in grace has planned to do through us *in* our children”

(Paul Tripp, *Parenting*, pp. 14-15)

# Children and self-worship

“children come into the world as self-appointed little self-sovereigns”

(Paul Tripp, *Parenting*, pp. 113)

# The heart drives behavior

“As a parent you’re not dealing just with bad behavior, but a condition that causes bad behavior”

(Paul Tripp, *Parenting*, p. 97)

# A Parent's Worship

“Your success as a parent does not rest on your shoulders but on his. The fruitfulness of your work as a parent does not rest on your authority but on his.”

“He faithfully parents you, so that by his faithful grace you can faithfully parent your children”

Paul Tripp, *Parenting*, pp. 187, 208