



**Parenting with Purpose:
A Tactical Guide
or
“The Battle for Your Children”**

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I. Parenting as Warfare - Psalm 127 & Other Passages

II. Ten Presuppositions & Principles of Christian Parenting

1. God is _____
2. Our Children are Divine _____
3. Our Children Suffer the Noetic & Corporeal Effects of Sin
4. Our Children Are Also _____
5. Our Children Belong to God
6. Our Children Need _____
7. Sanctification Is _____
8. Sanctification Requires Use of the _____
9. _____ is Essential
10. _____ Is Not _____

III. Measuring Success

- A. _____ Embracers
- B. Ready _____
- C. Resilient _____
- D. Takers of Responsibility for Themselves
- E. _____ of Others

IV. Preparing Yourself to Prepare for Battle

- A. Act Under _____
- B. Trust the _____
- C. _____ Yourself
- D. _____ Relentlessly
- E. Remind Yourself of Your Adoption & Citizenship and Your Children's
- F. Commit to not Panicking and Not Despairing - _____
- G. _____

V. Closing Thoughts

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I. Foundational Issues on Conflict

A. Source of Conflict

B. Source of Peace

C. The Goal of Peace

II. Fields of Conflict

1. _____ Conflict
2. _____ Conflict
3. _____ Conflict
4. The Common Element: _____

III. Resolving Conflict: Tactics for Achieving Peace

A. Basics of Child Discipline

1. Preemptive Training

2. Discipline in Love -The Seven Steps

- a) Inform: Establish the Standard
- b) Investigate: Confront & Establish
- c) Isolate from Distractions
- d) Identify the Sin to Them AND Biblical Alternative
- e) Issue Consequences
- f) Implore God for Mercy and Grace
- g) Impress Upon Them Your Love and Restore to Fellowship

B. Basics Conflict Resolution/Peacemaking - (The Peace Maker - Ken Sande)

1. Basic Peacemaking

- a) Glorify God
- b) Get the log out of you own eye
- c) Gently Restore/Go and show you brother his fault
- d) Go and be reconciled

2. Seven A's of of a Biblical Confession.

- a) Address everyone involved (All those whom you affected)
- b) Avoid if, but, and maybe (Don't excuse your wrongs)
- c) Admit specifically (Both attitudes and actions)
- d) Acknowledge the hurt (Express sorrow for hurting someone)
- e) Accept the consequences (Such as making restitution)
- f) Alter your behavior (Change your attitudes and actions)
- g) Ask for forgiveness (Will you forgive me? Yes or No)

C. Five Strategies for Facilitating Peace:

- 1. Intervention & Resolution
- 2. Mediation/Arbitration
- 3. Moderation
- 4. Redirection/Deflection
- 5. Non-Intervention

IV. Further Tactics for Achieving Peace: Parental Posture and Priorities

- A. Regulate _____
- B. Maintain a Mature _____
- C. Foster Order in Your _____
- D. Be in _____
- E. Exercise _____ & _____
- F. Teach Them About _____
- G. Use and Help Them Appreciate Multiple _____
- H. Provide Them _____

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I. Real Versus Fake Dangers

II. The Five Big Rescue Missions to Prepare For as Parents

1. _____ Issues
2. _____ Issues
3. _____ Issues
4. _____ Issues
5. _____ Issues

III. Rescue Missions

A. Bad Rescue Missions

1. _____ the Messenger
2. _____
3. Failing to Acquire _____ with _____ - _____
4. Rescuing When Rescue Is Not Needed

B. Good Rescue Missions

1. For _____
2. _____ Reaction
3. Get the _____
4. Work at Your _____
5. Work with Your _____
6. Fight _____
7. Love
8. Teach them how to _____ - _____
9. Preserve Their _____
10. Consider _____ Measures
11. Don't Lose Sight of _____

IV. Final Comments on Preparation

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I. Some Thoughts on Self-Esteem

- Right Affirmations for Your Children

- A. Accuracy Knowing Their Position in Christ
- B. Hopeful for Covenant Promises
- C. Appreciation for Privileges in Christ
- D. Specific Honesty about Actions and Abilities
- E. Hope for the Opportunity for Growth

II. The Problems of Overprotecting

- A. Needed Protections
- B. Unneeded Protections
- C. Consequences of Overprotecting

III. The Biblical Doctrine of Vocation: Five Callings

- A. As a _____

- B. As a _____

- C. As a _____

- D. As a _____

- E. As a _____

IV. Seven Opportunities for Create Agency

- A. _____ Play

- B. _____ Alongside

- C. _____

- D. _____ & _____

- E. Diverse _____ / _____

- F. _____

- G. _____ & _____

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I. Context of Romans

II. Love as Sacrifice - Romans 12:1-2

III. Love as Foundational Teaching

IV. Learning to Love: Five Hard Loves:

A. Love of _____

B. Love of _____

C. Love of _____

D. Love of _____

E. Love of _____

F. Love of _____

V. The Battle to Love

Recommended Resources for Parents

Mainstays

Parenting By God's Promises - Joel Beeke
Heart of Anger - Lou Priolo
Teach Them Diligently - Lou Priolo
Shepherding a Child's Heart - Ted Tripp
Withhold Not Correction - Bruce Ray

Teens

Age of Opportunity - Paul Tripp
So You're About to Be a Teenager: Godly Advice for Preteens on Friends, Love, Sex, Faith and Other Life Issues - Dennis & Barbara Rainey
Interviewing Your Daughter's Date: 30 Minutes Man-To-Man - Dennis Rainey
Aggressive Girls, Clueless Boys - Dennis Rainey
Parenting Today's Adolescent - Dennis Rainey , Barbara Rainey

More General & Puritan Helps

Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life - Donald Whitney
Pursuit of Holiness - Jerry Bridges
Duties of Parents - J.C. Ryle
Help to Domestic Happiness - John Angell James, *Building a Godly Home (Three small volumes)* by William Gouge, *Holiness* - J.C. Ryle

Family Devotions

ESV Study Bible or Reformations Study Bible
Family Worship: In the Bible, In History, and In Your Home - Donald S. Whitney
Family Worship Book - Terry Johnson

Technology

Twelve Ways Your Phone is Changing You - Tony Reinke
God, Technology, and the Christian Life - Tony Reinke
TechWise Family - Andy Crouch
The Wolf in Their Pockets - Chris Martin

Pornography/Sexual Issues

What Does the Bible Really Teach About Homosexuality? - Kevin DeYoung
Closing the Window Steps to Living Porn-Free - Timothy Chester
Finally Free - Heath Lambert

Identity Issues

The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self - Carl Trueman
Strange New World - Carl R. Trueman
Irreversible Damage: The Transgender Craze Seducing Our Daughters - Abigail Shrier
Five Lies of Our Anti-Christian Age - Rosaria Butterfield