


**Christian Parenting**  
**The Bible as Your Instruction Manual**  
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**Outcome Based Parenting?**

- \* Results of your parenting
  - \* Discipline
  - \* Instruction
  - \* Lecture
  
- \* Swiss Cheese Parenting
  - \* Not consistent
  - \* Discipline Issues
  - \* Holes in parenting style

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**Instruction Manual**

- \* Children don't come with instructions!
- \* We research our children's physical needs
- \* Where do you research their Spiritual Needs?
  - \* In the Bible
  - \* Use specific Scriptures
  - \* Pray those verses for your child
  
- \* Most of us wing parenting!




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## Two Topic Points

- \* Your Conversion
  - \* Work on your own heart while your child is an infant
  - \* Grow with your child
  - \* Christian in progress
- \* Holy Spirit Led Parenting
  - \* Fruits of the Spirit
  - \* Know your Bible

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## Want Changes in Your Children?

- \* Serve the Lord
- \* Love of the Lord beyond all else
- \* Trust in God
  - \* Answer ~ Be your child's example to follow
  - \* Fruits of the Spirit ~ Outcomes! Galatians: 5-22-23




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## What Would Jesus Do?

- \* Ask our children to be *like* Christ?
  - \* Our children will think this is insurmountable
  - \* We CAN be "Christ" like
- \* Don't expect perfection
- \* Speak kindly to your children to model kind behavior
- \* Use your "words" explain specifically what you expect and have them repeat

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## We see other's faults...

- \* Do you:
  - \* Allow others to irritate us?
  - \* Think others are wrong and you are right?
  - \* Lack forgiveness?
- \* Do a heart check:
  - \* If anger and joy has been robbed in your life... you may have given it to the enemy as a stronghold!

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## What Is YOUR Parenting Style?

- \* Between you and God
- \* You can only be held accountable within your own family ... don't look at the world!
- \* You have a right to discipline your children
  - \* With love
  - \* To teach truth without compromise
  - \* United to spouse on discipline issues
    - \* Work on parenting differences

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## Fruits of the Spirit

- \* List the fruits of the Spirit YOU Struggle with ... list them and pray for the Lord to show you ways to overcome.
- \* Make a plan!
- \* Use this list in the future to pray for your children for specific fruits
- \* Pray for yourself to obtain ONE specific fruit more fully

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## A Child is not HIS Behavior

- \* A child is not the sum total of his behavior
- \* We must identify the problem
- \* Don't label your child BAD or a TROUBLE maker
- \* Separate the behavior from the child

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## Discipline

- \* I say:
  - \* I'm disappointed in your choice
  - \* I'm disappointed in your action
  - \* When you lie, you are not only hurting yourself but the family
  - \* Question your children asking why they are in trouble
    - \* Are you making the right choices?
    - \* Are you thinking of others?
  - \* \*\*Remember ~Children see things with different filters

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## Cry out to GOD

- \* When you are in need
- \* Everyone is against you
- \* You feel deserted
- \* In the dessert God will come to you and minister!
- \* Deepen your relationship with God
- \* Have a prayer partner (spouse)
- \* Pray for your children daily

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## Holy Spirit Led Parenting

- \* For the times you are without ideas or hope
- \* For the times you don't know what to do
  - \* Pray to the Lord for instruction
- \* Difficult discipline issues
  - \* Lord gave me Knowledge on what to do!
    - \* Varies with the child
    - \* Varies with the offense
    - \* Varies with age of the child

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## Make Excuses for Your Child?

- \* Look at their behavior
- \* Decide on a punishment that fits the "crime"
- \* Pray for discernment
- \* Ask the child if they understand WHY
- \* Be sure younger children articulate the reason they are in trouble

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## Parenting Style

- \* Change YOUR style if it is not effective
  
- \* Our families are blessed!
- \* Keep in mind the Lord wants a happy family
- \* Keep in mind the enemy does not want a happy family

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**God is there...**

- \* God provides in times of hardship
- \* Family stays together in those times
- \* No greater joy than being a family
  
- \* Look to the Bible as your instruction manual

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**Bible**

- \* Go to the Scriptures to parent your children
- \* Research the Scriptures that touch your heart
- \* Write these down in a prayer journal and pray these verses for your children!
  
- \* We are all works IN Progress! We are not perfect! Don't expect Perfection!
  
- \* Note: This audio is the first in a three part series. Sign up to Media Angels newsletter [MediaAngels.com](http://MediaAngels.com) to learn when it is available.

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- \* Written by Felice Gerwitz
- \* [HomeschoolingwithProverbs.com](http://HomeschoolingwithProverbs.com)
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