

@home parenting on purpose

The PURPOSE of PARENTING is...

... to prepare children to discover their calling from God, to serve God and their family, and to work for the common good.

READ Deuteronomy 6:1-9 each day this week. PRAY for God to show you insights into this passage. JOURNAL something new that He reveals to you each day as well as your other thoughts or answers to questions.

for parents

Does this purpose statement demonstrate how you've parented so far? How does this statement affect how you'll parent in the future? Do you have family and friends that you can partner with to live out this vision? THINK about what it means to begin with protection and move into preparing your children for adulthood. What kind of conversations do you need to have? How do you begin letting go of the urge to protect? PLAN with your family what this looks like in your home. FIND ways to give your children responsibility with authority. SHARE this plan with others who have influence over your children. FIND ways to have others partner with you.

READ Ephesians 6:1-4.

PRAY about how you can honor this scripture in your family.

for students

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How are you working with the adults in your life to grow into the plans God has for you? If you're in your teens, PRAY for God to reveal his calling to you. LIST ways that you would like your parents to help prepare you for adulthood. THINK about how you can earn authority by asking for responsibility and following through on what your parents give you. TALK with your parents about how you're all feeling about protecting/preparing and responsibility/authority that comes with growing up.

for extended family: grandparents, aunts, uncles

RECALL those extended family members who may have helped guide you as you grew up. *What kind of input did they have in your life? How did they change you? CONSIDER what your role may be in partnering with parents to assist in guiding children into adulthood. Do you underestimate your influence in the lives of the children around you? Can you have a conversation with parents offering to help? How can you equip and encourage children to take on more responsibility or to have those hard conversations with their parents? How can you just be there to listen? THINK about ways you can celebrate the growth and beauty of families.*

for friends: singles or couples without children

Who are the children in your life in whom you can have a positive influence? What kind of relationship do you have with their families? How does your influence affect these families? WATCH for ways that you can support and applaud the families around you. JOURNAL things you can do that will help parents and children shine. Maybe that's a high five or a "Way to go!" Or maybe that means baking cookies or inviting parents/children for a movie and popcorn. THINK about how these little things can make a big difference in the life of a family, in your relationships, and even in your own life.

for employers and employees

READ Ephesians 6:1-4.

How does this passage speak into your life as a leader in your workplace? How does it speak to being a good and diligent employee? In either role, CONSIDER ways that you can do your job with a better attitude by understanding God's intentions for leadership and hard work. What could our businesses look like if employees honored their leaders and leaders respected their employees? LIST some ways you can put these principles into action this week.

for everyone

How do you feel about the purpose statement? What are the key points that you like about this statement? How do you see Jesus living this out in his life? How can you be intentional in parenting or assisting parents or being parentable?

next steps

CONSIDER visiting the @home center for more resources.