

The background of the entire image shows three children in silhouette, playing in a field. The child on the left is jumping with one arm raised. The child in the middle is running towards the camera. The child on the right is flexing their arms. The sky is a warm, golden color from the setting or rising sun, with some clouds. The overall mood is joyful and hopeful.

**equip**

a weekend discipleship conference

# Discipling the Next Generation

How the family and the church are to establish faith in children

# Disturbing Trends

According to researchers, between



**70-88%** of Christian teens

are leaving the church by their second year in college



**8** out of **10** Failure Rate

when it comes to raising children who continue in the faith

# Disturbing Trends

According to BARNA research

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**3 of 4** “Born-Again Christians”

overlook the Bible as shaping  
their worldview influence

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**98%** of born-again teenagers  
do not have a biblical worldview



# Disturbing Trends



Fewer are getting married

Average age of marriage has risen (around 28)

More opting not to have children

Greater acceptance of same-sex marriage

We are **Losing**  
the **Next**  
**Generation**  
to the **World** **!**

# So What?

The Frankfurt School scholars knew their type of revolution would not happen overnight. Horkheimer recognized it would take time, for famously he claimed, “The Revolution won’t happen with guns, rather it will happen incrementally, year by year, generation by generation. We will gradually infiltrate their educational institutions and their political offices, transforming them slowly into Marxist entities as we move towards universal egalitarianism.”

# So What?

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Long ago they determined to use the universities as their churches to reindoctrinate the masses and convert new followers to their pursuit of justice and equality. From the universities they would **train up community leaders and politicians, continuing this process generation after generation** until they controlled the mainstream media and outlets of communication. And without guns or bombs, the populace would be convinced that something radically needed to happen to the current Establishment.

# So What?

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Before the Establishment as a whole can be overthrown, however, the various institutions of society must be overthrown (the authority of the individual, the family, and civil governments).

How to **RAISE A HUSBAND** While Nursing a Newborn

**BIRTH PLAN**

and how to **THROW IT**

JASON  
HOSTETTER

WHERE  
DID ALL  
MY

**FRIENDS GO?**

Kayla  
McCormley

*The Art  
of Pinterest Parenting*

Relationship with your new blossom

# A Biblical model of parenting

Foundation for Discipling Children



# To the THIRD Generation



*1st Generation*

Grandparents



*2nd Generation*

Parents



*3rd Generation*

Children

- Malachi 2:14-15
- Exodus 10:1-2
- Deuteronomy 4:9-10
- Psalm 78:5-8
- Job 12:12
- Psalm 37:25-26
- 2 Timothy 1:5; 3:15
- 2 Timothy 2:2

# To the THIRD Generation

## Malachi 2:14-15

14 You ask, "Why?" It is because the Lord is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth, because you have broken faith with her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant. 15 Has not [the Lord] made them one? In flesh and spirit they are his. **And why one?** Because **he was seeking godly offspring**. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth. NASU

## Exodus 10:1-2

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, that I may perform these signs of Mine among them, and that **you** may tell in the hearing of **your son**, and of **your grandson**, how I made a mockery of the Egyptians and how I performed My signs among them, that you may know that I am the LORD." NASU

# To the THIRD Generation

## Deuteronomy 4:9-10

<sup>9</sup> "Only give heed to **yourself** and keep your soul diligently, so that you do not forget the things which your eyes have seen and they do not depart from your heart all the days of your life; but make them known to **your sons** and **your grandsons**. <sup>10</sup> "Remember the day you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when the LORD said to me, "Assemble the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words so they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they **may teach their children**.'" NASU

# To the THIRD Generation

## Psalm 78:5-8

<sup>5</sup> For He established a testimony in Jacob And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded **our fathers** That they should teach them to **their children**, <sup>6</sup> That **the generation to come** might know, even the children yet to be born, That they may arise and tell them to **their children**, <sup>7</sup> That they should put their confidence in God And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments, <sup>8</sup> And not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation, A generation that did not prepare its heart And whose spirit was not faithful to God. NASU

# To the **THIRD** Generation

## **2 Timothy 1:5**

For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in **your grandmother** Lois and **your mother** Eunice, and I am sure that **it is in you as well**. NASU

## **2 Timothy 3:14-15**

You, however, continue in the things you have **learned and become convinced of**, knowing **from whom you have learned them**, and that **from childhood** you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. NASU

# To the THIRD Generation

## 2 Timothy 2:2

The things which you  
have heard from  
in the presence of many  
witness, entrust to  
who will be able  
to teach

**ME (to YOU)**

**FAITHFUL MEN**

**OTHERS**

**Paul**  
had the 4<sup>th</sup>  
generation of  
disciples in  
mind

# To the THIRD Generation

## Croquet Analogy



1<sup>st</sup> Generation

Trains children to be genuinely Fear the Lord with their grandchildren in mind.

2<sup>nd</sup> Generation

Learns to Fear the Lord and Walk in His Ways. Takes seriously their stewardship to train the next generation.

3<sup>rd</sup> Generation

Influenced by Parents, Grandparents, and Community to genuinely Fear the Lord and Walk in His Ways.

IMPACT

# To the THIRD Generation



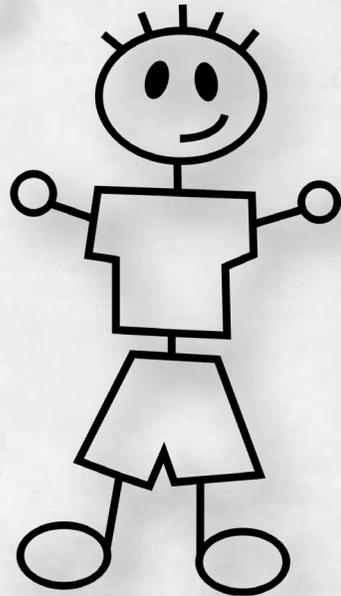
Godly Offspring

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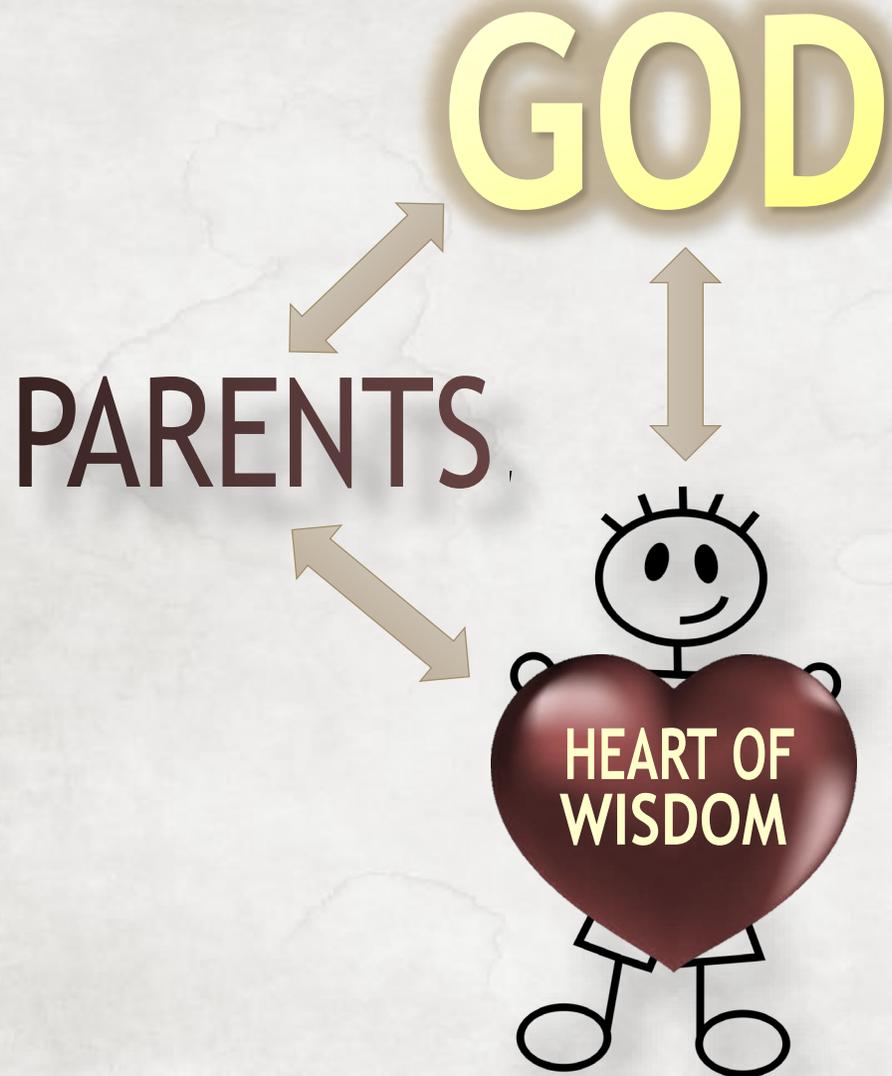
**GOD**

**PARENTS**



It's  
All About  
**Relationships**

- **GOD & PARENTS**
- **PARENTS & CHILD**
- **GOD & CHILD**



The Ultimate  
**GOAL**

Psalm 90:12

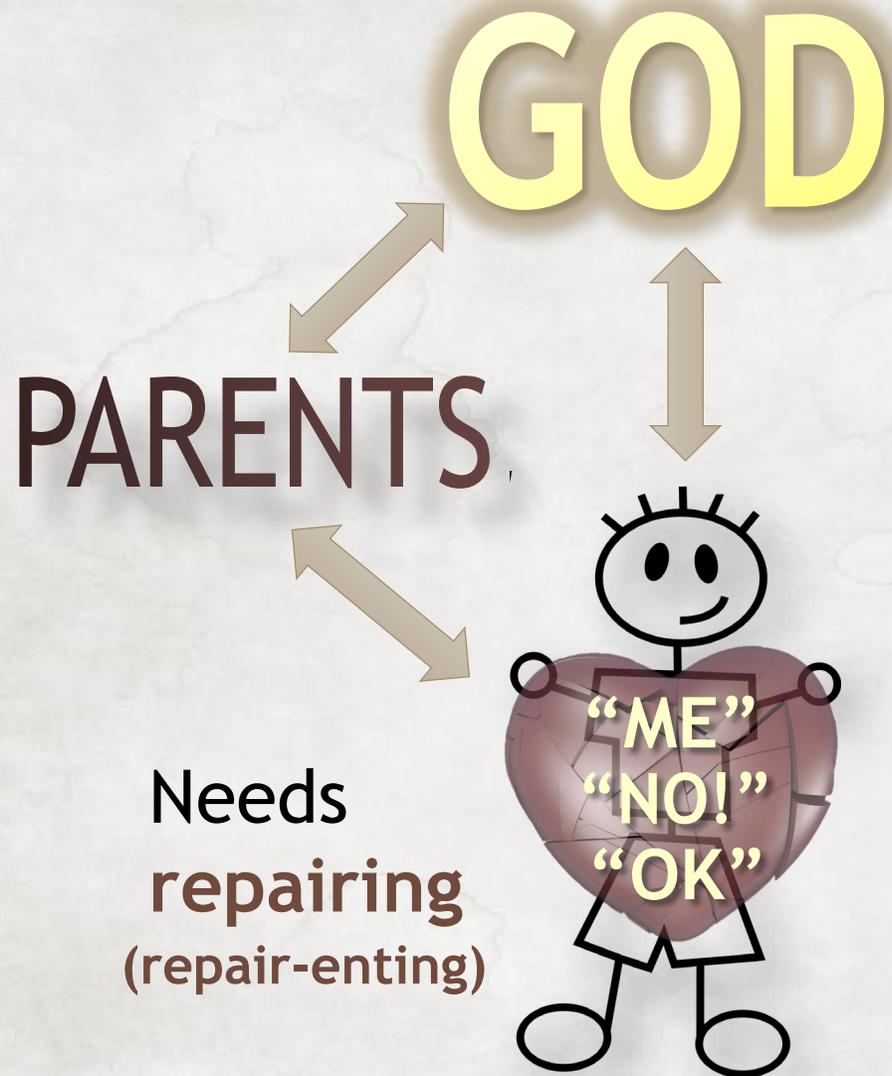
Teach us to number  
our days that we may  
present to God a  
**HEART OF WISDOM.**

**GOD**

There's  
a Serious  
**Problem**

**PARENTS**





# There's a Serious Problem

Your child is born with a heart that is **spiritually defective**

- ▶ Is basically **self-orientated**
- ▶ Leans toward **rebellion**
- ▶ Easily **deceived**

# GOD

Stewardship

## PARENTS

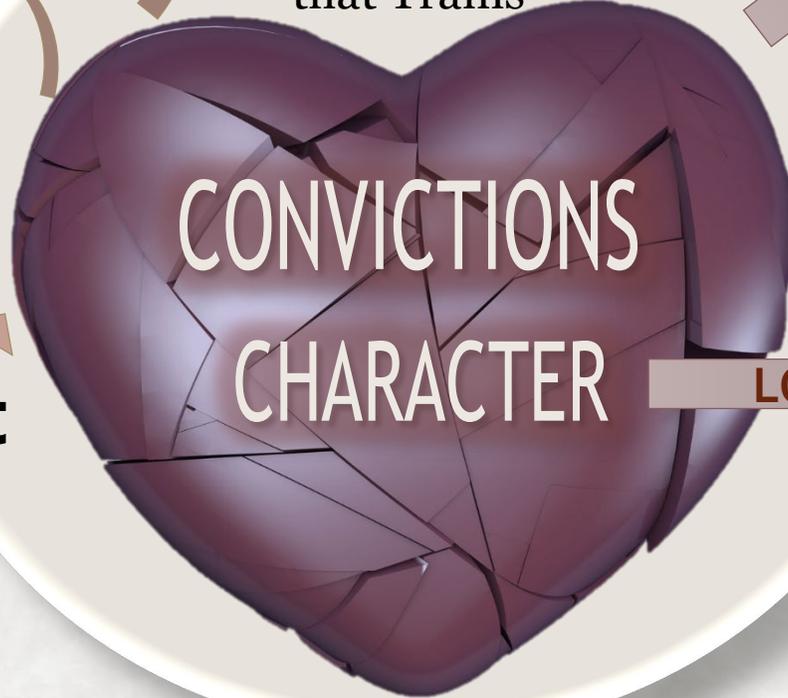
- ▶ INSTILL
- ▶ SHAPE
- ▶ CULTIVATE

Fear of the Lord

Obedience

**CULTURE**  
that Trains

Target



## HEART OF WISDOM

LOVE

## OTHERS

▶ Instill **C**ONVICTIONS

▶ Shape **C**HARACTER

▶ Cultivate **C**CULTURE THAT TRAINS  
IN WISDOM

# Two-Dimensional Parenting

**ABOVE**  
YOUR CHILD

With **authority** from God, fulfilling your **responsibility** to do what God has **assigned** you as a parent

➔ **CONFIDENCE**



**BESIDE**  
YOUR CHILD

Like your child, **you struggle** with obeying God and need His help

➔ **COMPASSION**