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-Turning Young Parents into Vital Mentors



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7 MENTORING PRACTICES FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN

- Practice #1—Parents must worship the _____ of the child. (Luke 1:67-68)
—It's one of the great laws of parenting: You can't pass on what you don't _____.
- Practice #2—Parents must declare the _____ of the child. (Luke 1:60-63)
- Practice #3—Parents must pronounce the _____ of the child. (Luke 1:76)
—Gary Smalley and John Trent: "Before the children can walk, they should be carried on the Sabbath and on the Holy Days to their father and mother to receive their blessing. After they are able to walk, they should go to them of their own accord, with body bent and with head bowed, to receive the Blessing." (*The Blessing* 33)
- #4—Parents must focus on the _____ of the child. (Luke 1:68-79)
—Donna Habenicht (*How to Help Your Child Really Love Jesus*):
 - Show your children Jesus' love through _____ love: Hug your baby while you say, "Mommy loves you and Jesus loves you."
 - Paint a _____ picture of Jesus: Instead of "Oh my, how sad you have made Jesus," emphasize a smiling Jesus, "How happy Jesus is with what you have just done."
 - Encourage spontaneous _____ with Jesus: "Jesus, Christie feels so sad . . . please help her to feel happy soon."
 - Joyfully introduce Jesus through _____ and pictures about His life: *My Bible Friends* is a beautiful way for youngsters to meet Jesus, and so is a picture of Jesus surrounded by children hanging in your child's bedroom.
 - "Remind them that Jesus hurts when they hurt. That He would love to take them in His arms and comfort them. Tell them Jesus can be their best friend, their forever friend . . . who never abandons them." (130)

- “The most important and impressive thing you can do is to show your children openly how much _____ love Jesus, and they will learn to love Him, too.” (130)
- Practice #5—Parents must confirm the _____ of the child. (Luke 1:76-79)
—Re John the Baptist: “From childhood his mission had been kept before him, and he had accepted the holy trust.” (*Desire of Ages* 101)
- Practice #6—Parents must seek the Spirit’s _____ of the child. (Luke 1:67, 80)
—*Desire of Ages*: “Even the babe in its mother’s arms may dwell as under the shadow of the Almighty through the faith of the praying mother. John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Spirit from his birth. If we will live in communion with God, we too may expect the divine Spirit to mold our little ones, even from their earliest moments.” (512)
- Practice #7—Parents must control the _____ of the child. (Luke 1:15, 80)
—Q: How can parents today create a “wilderness environment” for their children?
A: You control what comes into your _____ .
—The very word “wilderness” suggests “less” is better.
 - Less _____ .
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“Imitate me as I imitate Christ.”

(giver, live out, name, blessing, Savior, your own, friendly, conversation, stories, you, mission, baptism, environment, home, streaming, sugar, stuff)

