

### The 3 “R”s of Christian Parenting

Christian parenting isn't perfect parenting – it's parenting from a Christian perspective. That means recognizing that it is God's desire and expectation of us, as parents who follow Jesus Christ, to pass on the faith to our children. Once we realize that this is part of our responsibility as parents, we need to figure out how to do it. Some of us have the help of our extended families in this task, and we all have the support of our local church community. These supplement our work in parenting but they cannot replace us. Nothing quite compares to the influence of mom or dad when it comes to showing the next generation what it means to follow Jesus. To share responsibility for the souls of our children can be a daunting task, but each of us is truly equipped for it! No matter what our family circumstances may be, if you're a mom or a dad (or even a grandparent), then discipling your children is something you are intended, and able, to do!

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**“Resolve”** by Kevin Armstrong

Psalm 78:1-7 & Acts 2:39

*Faith in Jesus Christ is intended to pass from one generation to the next, and parents play a key role in that task. We cannot rely solely upon others in the church, or our extended families, to do this for us. How can we rise to the task? What tools and options are available to us?*

January 22, 2012

**“Redeem”** by Jim Chen

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 & Ephesians 5:15-16

*One of the main obstacles of the modern Christian life is that we are busy to the point of distraction. That's not likely to change any time soon. So how do we move from being our children's coach and chauffeur to being their teacher and mentor? We can learn to use our children's time more wisely.*

January 29, 2012

**“Remember”** by Wayne Saynor

Malachi 2:13-16 & Ephesians 6:4

*Discipling our families is not a matter of what we “teach” as much as what we model. God gave the gifts of marriage and parenting in order to facilitate children and youth coming to know Him better. Even if we have stumbled, as a spouse or as a parent, it is never too late to model Christ to our children and grandchildren.*