



Title: Parenting Points

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Scripture Text: Exodus 2:1-10

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

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This week we celebrate MOM's! Motherhood is a high calling from God. But parenting is a partnership. Children need both mom and dad in the home. There is equal responsibility of both in the raising of their children. In today's sermon we will look at 6 responsibilities parents need to practice, taken from the story of Moses' birth in Exodus 2.

I. Recognized Danger (Ex. 2:1-2)

Through a series of events, as described toward the end of the book of Genesis, the Hebrews ended up in Egypt (Jacob and his family). Because of Jacob's son Joseph's influence in the country, Pharaoh welcomed Jacob and his family. They were allowed to stay in one of the nicest places in the known world. When that generation, and the Pharaoh, had passed away, a new Pharaoh took over who did not know Joseph and saw the Hebrews as a threat. We live in a culture today that does not know Jesus. We need to recognize the danger presented to our children. A culture who wants to steal their hearts and reject Christ.

- What kind of a threat did the Pharaoh see in the Hebrews?
- What atrocity was he willing to do to limit the size of the Hebrew population?
- What kind of dangers are our children/grandchildren in today?
- What are things we should do to protect our children from a culture that does not know God?

II. Protect Children (Ex. 2:3-4)

There is a delicate balance between protected parenting and paranoid parenting. Parents need to allow their children to grow, mature, and develop independence. This must be balanced with protecting them from elements that will distract them from godly things and feed their minds with humanistic, heretical images and ideas.

- Compare protected parenting to paranoid parenting.
 - What are the dangers of paranoid parenting?
- What are ways of effectively protecting our children/grandchildren from the distractions of the world?
 - How does church participation help in the protection process?

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III. Pray for Children (Ex. 2:5-8)

You can't always be there for your children/grandchildren, but God is!! Parenting is a partnership with God. Parents should consistently be praying for their children, for God's influence and protection of them.

- What are items we should pray for our children/grandchildren?
- How should parents be praying for wisdom from God on how to be a better parent?

IV. Nurse Your Children (Ex. 2:9)

Children need to be nourished with the food that will help them grow both physically and spiritually. As part of protecting their children, parents need to build up and encourage their children. This will help them engage a culture that does not support Christ.

- What are examples of nourishing a child spiritually?
- What are ways to nurture a child?

V. Release Your Children (Ex. 2:10)

As much as we may want our children to stay small and not grow up, they inevitably do. Parents need to adequately equip their children to successfully establish their own life. Parents need to build that firm foundation for their children as they develop their own relationship with Christ ([Eph. 2:10](#)).

- What are ways parents can equip their children to become adults and mature in their own life?
- How do the actions of parents (living as examples for their children) effect their ability to equip their children?

VI. Show Them Jesus

Parents should live a godly consistent life. Their children will see the example they set. Both a parent's lifestyle and words will influence a child's acceptance of Christ as their Saviour. Parents must show their children 'Jesus with skin on'.

If you are a parent or grandparent, take time to pray for your children/grandchildren and ask God how you can be a better influence on them for Him ([Lam. 2:19](#)).