

10/20/19 | On Purpose: Parenting, Part One



"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." —Proverbs 22:6 | NIV

1. Share about your childhood and a parenting win (something memorable your parents did well).
2. Consider these lyrics. What do they mean? Are they true?
3. What stuck out to you from the sermon this week? Explain.

Yeah, we're just alike, hey, ain't we
dad? I wanna do everything you do
So I've been watching you.

— *Watching You*, by Rodney Atkins

Teach by example

4. Read Matthew 7:24-29. What does this parable show about having a solid foundation?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 3:9-13. What does it mean that we are God's building (v. 9)?

Why should we build with care (v. 10)?

How is Jesus our foundation (v. 11)?
6. What do foundations have to do with teaching and parenting?
7. Read Deuteronomy 4:7-9 and Deuteronomy 11:18-20 about Moses speaking to the Israelites. What were the Israelites supposed to teach their children?

Why?

How?

8. Read Psalm 34:11-14. What did this psalm teach children?
9. Read 1 Corinthians 11:1. Why is it so important to set a good example? How does this apply to parenting?
10. Read James 3:1. Why are teachers judged? How does this verse apply to teaching your children?
11. Read Colossians 3:12-17. What does this passage have to do with teaching?

What does it have to do with being an example?

12. What has this study shown you about teaching and parenting on purpose?

Why does it matter?

TAKEAWAY: What can you do now to parent on purpose?