

## 11/3/19 | On Purpose: Parenting, Part Three



*"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 a moment you didn't know what to do. What happened? How did you handle it? What did you learn?
2. How often is parenting full of moments where you don't know what to do?
3. Consider this quote. What does it mean? Is it true?
4. How do we point kids to God?
5. What stuck out to you from the sermon this week? Explain.
6. Which trait from the sermon is the hardest to instill in children? (Respect authority, understand the value of hard work, know how to persevere, be willing to love deeply and forgive quickly, and remain humble in spirit)

The goal of parenting isn't to create perfect kids. It's to point our kids to the perfect God.

—Lindsey Bell,  
*Searching for Sanity*

### The Way They Should Go

7. Read Judges 13:6-8. What parenting strategy did Manoah use in verse 8?

Compare his strategy to James 1:5.

8. What role does prayer have in your parenting?
9. Read Ruth 3:1-5. Although Naomi's advice to Ruth seems odd, what strategy did Naomi use in verse 1? How did Ruth respond in verse 5?

10. Read 1 Samuel 3. What parenting strategies did Eli use with Samuel in this chapter?

How did Samuel respond?

How can we point children to the Lord like Eli did?

11. Read John 9:18-23. What did the parents do well, despite their poor motive?

12. When is it good to let children speak for themselves?

13. What poor parenting strategy was used in Genesis 37:3-4? Do you show favoritism?

14. What has this study shown you about parenting on purpose?

Why does it matter?

**TAKEAWAY:** You reproduce what you are.