



The Parent's Hope

Jonathan Banning · 2 Timothy 3:13–17 · Series: **The Heart of Parenting**

INTRODUCTION

- The thing that dictates the direction of our lives is the word of God.
- Sometimes I think the task of parenting just seems downright overwhelming and unfair.
- There are reasons to be hopeful as parents, even though sometimes we may be tempted to be discouraged and overwhelmed.

1 Perfection Is Not Necessary to Raise Good Kids

2 Timothy 3:15; 1 Samuel 1

- In parenting, we need to remember that perfection is not necessary to raise good kids.
- The Bible does send a clear message that good kids, really good kids can be raised, even in circumstances that aren't perfect.
- Even though his family wasn't perfect, and it wasn't exactly the way you would want to draw it up, Lois and Eunice are still able to raise a wonderful young man.
- What matters far more than the circumstances you're born into is the character of the people who raise you.
- You don't need a perfect set of circumstances to raise amazing kids who can change the world.

2 The Gospel Is What Matters Most

Luke 8:15; 1 Samuel 2:18–20; 1 Chronicles 22

- What our kids need more than anything else is they need to be connected to the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- But the seed and the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart and hold it fast and bear fruit with perseverance.
- Good parents use their mistakes and their imperfections to get their children even more connected to the gospel of Jesus.
- His mother would make him a little robe and bring it to him from year to year when she would come up with her husband to offer a yearly sacrifice.
- Making sure your kids know what the mission is, in setting them up so that they can fulfill that mission when the time comes.
- If you manage to do that, you will be a success as a parent because the gospel is what matters most.

3 Our Kids Are in God's Hands

Philippians 2:13

- It is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

- He will, through his will and his providence, bless your mission in raising your kids.
- We see over and over and over again in the Bible that God is helping parents in the process of parenting.
- Because our kids are in God's hands, that means he also is willing through his wisdom to supply what our kids lack.
- When we drop the ball, he brings people into our life who give our kids what they need.
- We need to trust that we can stop punishing ourselves for our past mistakes.

THE CHALLENGE

Today, from this point on, I'm going to be the mom. I'm going to be the dad that my kids need.

MY NOTES
