



Burnett Avenue Baptist Church
Bible Study
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**Reclaiming Parenting:
God's Design in a Rewired World**

Jonathan Haidt says, when people see morally beautiful actions, they feel as though they have been lifted up – elevated on a vertical dimension that can be labeled divinity. When people see morally repulsive actions, they feel as though they have been pulled downward, or degraded. A phone based life generally pulls people downward. It changes the way we think, feel, judge, and relate to others. It is incompatible with many of the behaviors that religious and spiritual communities practice... (216)

- 1. God's design for parenting/mentoring involves _____ biblical principles in raising children, while _____ the challenges of modern culture--- however remaining faithful to _____ .**

How do we do this?

2. Understand God's Original Design for Parenting

A. Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (NIV)

- Emphasizes the importance of teaching children God's ways in everyday life, _____ a _____, intentional _____ environment in the home.

B. Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

- Christian parenting, shows the long-term impact of _____ spiritual _____ and _____.

3. Deal with Modern Challenges with Biblical Truths

C. Ephesians 6:4 (NIV)

- Do not provoke or frustrate children, but provide _____, _____ that aligns with God's will.

D. Colossians 3:21 (NIV)

- Balance _____ with _____, acknowledging the emotional needs of children in the face of modern societal pressures with a Christ-centered approach that fosters love, discipline, and spiritual growth.

E. Proverbs 29:15 (NIV)

- While discipline is necessary, it must be guided by _____ and _____, which is foundational in a world where distractions (like technology) can easily create disconnection.
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4. Build Resilient Families in a Changing Culture

F. Joshua 24:15 (NIV)

- Declare a _____ commitment to follow God's way in the family, providing a model for resilience in the face of societal pressures. ["do as I say, not as I do"]
- Teach Biblical principles that can be applied in today's fast-paced, virtually-driven world.

G. Psalm 127:3-5 (NIV)

- _____ that it is _____ responsibility to raise *The Anxious Generation* with purpose and in the fear of the Lord who are able to thrive spiritually and emotionally in a rewired world.

H. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)

- Provide space for open communication that tailors mutual support within the family, emphasizing the power of encouragement in maintaining a strong, faith-driven household.
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5. Strengthen Family Bonds

I. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV)

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

- Teach with _____, _____, and _____ in the face of modern-day stressors.

J. Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

- Rely on God's _____ and _____ His guidance for _____!
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6. Guard Children in this Rewired World

K. Matthew 18:6 (NIV)

"If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea."

- Warning: the importance of protecting children from harmful influences, in the age of social media and technology is _____ responsibility.

L. Psalm 101:3 (NIV)

"I will not look with approval on anything that is vile. I hate what faithless people do; I will have no part in it."

- Be _____ about the influences that shape our children, especially in a world filled with distractions and negative content.