

TLP 411: Parenting Trends 2021, Part 1

I. We can expect even more family time.

- Thank God that He has used our government's ill-advised measures to force families to spend more time together. It's a beautiful example of God redeeming man's foolish attempts to control his destiny. Instead of accomplishing what they hoped to accomplish, God reminded billions of people how much they've missed.
- Some of these reminders were sweet — parents and kids reuniting and finding that they really enjoy each other's company. And some of the reminders have been painful — necessary, but painful — as parents took a real solid look at their kids and their parenting and have finally come to the conclusion that something is desperately wrong. This whole time they thought their kid's teachers were over-exaggerating the problem, and now they're seeing it first hand. And the insightful ones are realizing that something is missing.
- How should we approach this potential increase in family time? Embrace it! Use this time to know your kids better, understand God's Word better, and apply what you're learning to being the best parent you can be.

II. We can expect the number of families embracing virtual learning and homeschooling to increase.

- If you choose to delegate elements of your children's academics to other people, God is going to hold parents ultimately responsible for their children's education. First and foremost, they will be held responsible for their kid's spiritual training, but they will also be accountable for who they allowed to proselytize their kids.
- Christian parents who allow their children to be brainwashed by the secular humanists of this age will stand before God one day and give an account.
- So, playing your children's education as close to your chest as possible is — Lord willing — going to be a vital part of your family's maturity.
- What should you do about this potential increase in at-home learning? Embrace it as much as you can! I understand that there are many factors that would prevent people from being able to educate their kids at home or even simply facilitate that education at home.
- There is great benefit from God's people exploring how this change can benefit their families.

III. We can expect for ever-increasing changes to our philosophy of health.

- Not only can we expect that much of our mainstream health care this year will be as virtual as possible, we can also plan that the dictates that are passed down the line are going to continue to try to redefine health as we've known it. And one of the most discouraging philosophies that has gained traction over the past year is that sanitary = healthy. With this kind of thinking, the only answer is to put us in bubbles that will prevent our bodies from ever coming in contact with germs.
- That kind of thinking is going to have a major impact on your family, the community in which you live, and your nation.
- What should you and your family do about this continuing change in how we view our bodies, sickness, health, immune systems, and medical treatment? Well, I've probably already gotten myself in enough trouble as it is, so I'm going to invite you to do your research. Do not simply accept what you're hearing on Facebook.

- In fact, there's great importance in taking the time to genuinely research the other side of the argument. This is not biblical doctrines we're talking about here. Ask questions, dig deeper, study, research, and allow yourself to doubt the talking heads that can't seem to agree with each other and who frequently contradict what they said earlier. Also, find the people who are healthy and well find out what they're doing.
- Why would America, a hyper-power that spends billions of dollars every year on health and wellness be one of the sickest countries in the world? Is it possible that our established medical authorities are missing something? Well, for the sake of your family . . . do find out.

IV. We might be able to expect an increase in magical children's names this year.

- According to Today.com: "The defining names of 2021 have an element of magic to them. They're the names of superheroes (and super-antiheroes), names that carry an incantatory power to protect and strengthen our children in these difficult times. Perhaps the most startling names in this group are those of mythic and outsized figures, both good and evil. For every Adonis, there's a Kali. For every Titan, there's a Persephone. For every Messiah, there's a Lucifer. The mythological and biblical names that have been the dominant trend in recent years now include names whose power may have been considered too dark for a baby before this year when the world was fighting for its life."
- In addition to the names already listed, and yes, Messiah and Lucifer are both on the list, here are some other's you'll find: there's Brave, Cyrus, Delilah, Jupiter, Kylo, Loki, Noble, Oz, Pandora, and Titan.
- But then there are other categories of names that sound almost as magical.
- There are the Cottagecore Names like Bear, Clover, Faye, Opal, River, and Wilder.
- Japanese names are making a comeback. Of course, I won't be surprised if our cancel-culture cries foul at a non-Japanese child being named Yuki. They will probably call it cultural-approration.
- And then there are the Ever names like Ever, Everett, Everly, Evers, and Everson.
- And where would we be without the incoming flock of 2021 avian middle names including Birdie, Dove, Falcon, Nightingale, Phoenix, Sparrow, Swan, and Wren.

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