

How Do I Become a Better Parent?

I. Remember Who Owns the Expectations

- Remember that the biblical expectations you have for yourself and your kids are God's, not yours.

II. Rely on God's Strength

- You must rely on God's strength and grace to accomplish God's will.
- If you try to parent 100 mph on your own, you'll crash and great will be the crash thereof.

III. Stay Vigilant

- We must follow Peter's warning in I Peter 5:8, "*Be sober-minded; **be watchful**. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.*" To parent 100 mph, we need to be **vigilant**. The world, the flesh, and Satan are constantly trying to lull us into a feather-foot type of parenting. In fact, Satan wants nothing more than for us to come to a dead stop in the middle of the parenting highway — and many parents have. So, we must have our eyes open, "*looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith*" (Hebrews 12:2).
- We must constantly check our blindspots like we discussed with Tim Challies in episode 35. We can't afford to fall asleep at the wheel. We can't afford to slow down.

IV. Be Fervent

- The whole of Scripture paints a picture of believers fervently and excitedly growing. Listen to Romans 12:9-13: "*Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.*" Listen to those descriptors: "genuine, abhor, hold fast, outdo, fervent, rejoice, patient, constant."
- It would almost be overwhelming if we didn't have God's promise of divine enabling.

V. Embrace Your Need for Change

- II Corinthians 3:18 sets the standard when it says, "*And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*"
- When was the last time you experienced continued transformation into the image of God? Is your spiritual growth a past-tense concept in your life, or are you still being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another by the Spirit?

I. Point One

- Explanation

