

Is the Bible Enough for Your Parenting?

I. The Sufficiency of Scripture

- Psalm 19:7-14
- God's law is perfect for your family. He designed it to revive your souls.
- His testimonies concealed in His Word are sure. Even though our children are born with foolishness knotted in their hearts, the Bible was given to us to make our families wise.
- The Lord's precepts are right. When we parent in God's righteousness, our families will rejoice in righteousness.
- God's commandments are pure. In those times when things seem muddled and hard. When the difficulties surrounding our terrorist children loom ever dark, God's commandments enlighten our eyes and help us see the next step.
- The Bible teaches us to fear the Lord, and when our spouses and children and we fear Him, we will live clean and wholesome lives that will endure forever.
- The rules of the Lord are true. When the world tries to stake their claim on truth and convince us that the Bible isn't relevant or — worse — it's a dilapidated old book full of violence, prejudice, and puritanical prohibitions, we can confidently know that His rules are Truth and are altogether righteous!
- And every word of The Word is more valuable than all the fine gold in every hole in every continent on this earth.
- They're sweeter than the most decadent treat. They bring a smile to your lips, a glint to your eye, and a spring to your step. In fact, you may just mount up with wings as eagles.
- His Word warns us and our kids. It points out every danger we may encounter from this world, from the flesh, and from Satan.
- The Bible is completely, totally, 100%, undeniably without error. When mankind dreams up some ridiculous answer for the woes of humanity and it contradicts God's revealed will, you can know that man is wrong and God is right. And your kids can have the same confidence.
- God's Word is the only source that can help us teach our children to be innocent from hidden faults. It's the only document in the world that can help our kids stay away from the dominion of presumptuous sins.
- Only the Bible can help your children be blameless and innocent.
- “[When I parent] *let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.*”

II. Your Parenting Bible

- Your Parenting Bible consists of the verse you use on a regular basis in your family. They're the ones with which your children are so familiar, they know what you're going to quote before you quote it.
- Most Parenting Bibles start very small — with just a verse or two — but our goal should be for our Parenting Bibles to regularly grow to include more and more verses.
- When you discover a verse, idea, or passage that addresses a need in your family, commit it to memory and start looking for opportunities to use it.
- Lord willing, one day your Parenting Bible will be very thick. Most of the verses in the Bible can be applied to parenting or be used in your parenting.