

Biblical Parenting Essentials, Introduction

I. An Overview of the Biblical Parenting Essentials

- Explanation The first episode will deal with the first and — dare I say — *most important* part of our parenting.
- The second episode will then move into the second part of biblical parenting. What’s interesting, though is that the second part is really just the fruit of whether or not we were doing the first part the right way.
- From there on out, the rest of the episodes are going to break the Second Part of our biblical parenting into 4 unique phases.
 - During Phase 1, we’ll take two episodes to discuss various *methods* as well as the main *content* that needs to consume this Phase.
 - Then we’ll move to Phase 2. During those *three* episodes we’ll look at important methods, the reinforcement of those methods, and a careful evaluation of how you’re doing with Phase 2.
 - Phase 3 will also be spread out over three episodes, and we’ll look at Phase 3 Methods as well as have an important conversation about applying Phase 3, and then we’ll talk about a way to evaluate how you’re doing with Phase 3.
 - And then the final two episodes of the series will deal with Phase 4 Methods and Evaluation.
- That’s 1 eternally important job, Biblical Parenting, broken into two parts. The second part will be separated out into 4 unique phases, and all of that will encompass 12 episodes of Biblical Parenting Essentials.

II. Point One

- Without a relationship with God, without being born again, there is no hope of ever being able to be a truly good parent. Yes, the world offers some cheap knockoffs and look-alikes, but all of those systems and methods are doomed to ultimate failure no matter how nice the Instagram account, how popular the book, or how “decent” the kids turn out. Parenting God’s way is the only way that we can glorify Him in our families.
- That is the prerequisite you need to carefully consider before jumping into this Biblical Parenting Essentials Series. Do you have a relationship with God? Are you a born again Christian? Are you a disciple of Christ? If the answer is yes, then “How do you know you’re those things? How do you know you have a relationship with God? How can you take the Bible and prove to me that you are born again?”
 - The First Step to Being a Good Parent
 - The Second Most Important Question You Need to Ask Your Kids

III. The Goal of the Biblical Parenting Essentials

- This series isn’t designed to change your kids.
- This series isn’t designed to change you.
- This series is designed to give God the honor, preeminence, and glory that He deserves.
- Therefore, you need to pursue God’s glory in your personal life.
 - However, if you strive to worship God by parenting the way He wants you to parent . . . *you will change*. Your kids may not change, but you will. A
 - At the same time, as you change, God desires to use you to make it easier for your kids to do right and harder to do wrong. Might your kids change as you change and your parenting conforms to God’s glory? Yes, they may. But whether they do or not, you will have changed because you can’t glorify God without growing and maturing.