

THE PARENTING PUZZLE

(Putting God's Missing Pieces Into Your Parenting)

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Refer to the _____ continually.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

Each piece of the puzzle is unique.

Proverbs 22:6

Putting together a puzzle takes time.

Puzzles can be done online with a computer. Just a reminder that parents now live in a digital land, raising digital natives. Learn all you can!

Sometimes in putting together a puzzle, you have to find the missing pieces.

Establish a border first when putting together a puzzle.

The Nine Most Often Missing Pieces in Parenting

We will take nine characters in the Bible from nine parents in the Bible and learn from them what may be missing in your parenting.

I. Lot: The Missing Piece of Spiritual _____

Genesis 19:1-26; Luke 17:32

Are you praying a hedge of _____ around your home, your children, and your spouse every single day?

II. Timothy's Father: The Missing Piece of _____

I Timothy 1:2; II Timothy 1:5, 3:14-15

I see this as the number-one missing piece in the parenting puzzle today.
I am speaking of...
Biblically Based,

_____ ,

Strong,

Gentle,

_____ ,

Example-Setting _____ .

Many dads, when it comes to the things of God, are “ _____
in _____ .”

I Corinthians 16:13

III. **David: The Missing Piece of Focused _____ and _____**

II Samuel 13:1-13, 21; I Kings 1:6

Dad, your son needs your _____ !
Dad, he needs you teaching him to be God’s man.

Dad, your daughter needs your attention!
Dad, she needs your _____ .

IV. **Manoah: The Missing Piece of Doing What Is _____, Not Doing What Will Make You _____**

Judges 13-14

Christians should only go out with, be engaged to, or marry another
_____ who is growing, serious, and disciplined. Parents must not
compromise here!

Like putting together a puzzle, begin with the boundaries. Parents,
your child needs for you to lead, to instruct, to _____ boundaries, to
_____ those boundaries, and to give them a reason why
something is right or wrong according to God’s Word.

V. **The Mother of James and John: The Missing Piece of Right**

Mark 1:19; Matthew 20:20-23

_____ is your first priority. But, secondly, your husband/your _____ is
your next priority, then your children. Don’t get those priorities messed up.
If you do, you are putting out the welcome mat for Satan and for the world
without God. Work on your marriage.

VI. Isaac and Rebekah: The Missing Piece of _____

Your child must have your unconditional, unqualified, and absolute love that is based on who the child _____, not what your child _____ or how he or she _____.

Love is _____ to act toward your child in ways that express the _____ of God in word, action, and attitude.

VII. Solomon: The Missing Piece of Practically _____ the

Proverbs 22:6; I Kings 14:21-24

Dad, Mom, you are Bible _____. We have the KJV, NASV, ESV, NIV; but the first translation your child will read is the _____ and _____ Translation.

VIII. Jacob: The Missing Piece of _____

Genesis 37:3-4

Parents, discipline is absolutely essential if you want your child to _____ God, to be successful in life, to respect authority, and to be _____ by other people.

Proverbs 19:18

How do you discipline your child?

1. You _____ your child—catch him/her doing something right and let them know it.
2. You understand that each child is _____, and discipline is not one-size-fits-all.
3. Clearly communicate the rules, the boundaries.
4. Immediately respond when the child disobeys.
5. The punishment should fit the offense.
6. NEVER in _____.
7. Respect your child by disciplining him/her in private (rather than embarrassing them).

8. Love and affirm them. Let them know you love them after the discipline.
9. Know that discipline has multiple _____—it proves your love (Proverbs 13:24); it removes a tendency toward rebellion (Proverbs 22:15); it imparts wisdom (Proverbs 29:15); it leads to a respect for authority; and it prepares them to come to Christ (Proverbs 23:14).

**IX. Abraham/Isaac/Jacob/Jacob's Sons: The Missing Piece of
_____ the Sin _____**

Genesis 12:11-13, 26:7, 27:18-19, 37:31-33; Exodus 20:5-6

The missing piece in some parents is a failure to break the cycle of generational sin, allowing it to continue, allowing it to be _____ down. Hear this: It Doesn't Have To Be! But You Must Act!

Think About Two Scenarios

1. What if you didn't have the _____?

It begins with an open _____ in your life!

2. What if one piece was _____?

That missing piece is a _____ with Jesus Christ. It is knowing that you know that you know if you died right now, you would go to Heaven and that your name is definitely written in the _____ of _____.