

# EXPLORE

— Parenting —



- ▶ The Urgent
- ▶ The Pressure
- ▶ The Eternal
  - ▶ What do you want your child to be like when they are an adult?

## ▶ **George Barna – 59% Walk Away.**

"Barna research shows nearly six in ten (59%) of these young people who grow up in Christian churches end up walking away from either their faith or from the institutional church at some point in their first decade of adult life."

## ► **The Parenting Journey**

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## ► Deuteronomy 6: 4-9

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▶ **Hope Community Church is here to Partner with Parents.**

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# 40 HOURS VS. 3000 HOURS

The average church has only  
40 hours a year to influence

The average parent has 3000  
hours per year to influence

**What happens at home  
is more important than  
what we do here!**

# ORANGE STRATEGY

- ▶ Yellow + Red = Orange
- ▶ It is our responsibility as parents to be the primary spiritual trainers of our children.
- ▶ “Widen the Circle”

## ▶ **The Journey Begins with us as Parents.**

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Deuteronomy 6:5-6

▶ ***Live obediently by knowing Jesus and His Word and remaining in Him.***

▶ John 15:5 - “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”



▶ ***Serve selflessly by using your gifts, talents and resources for those in need.***

▶ 1 Peter 4:10 - Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

▶ Philippians 2:3-4 - Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

▶ ***Connect intentionally with others in community.***

▶ Colossians 2:2 - My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ.

▶ ***Give generously to God who gave you everything.***

▶ 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

▶ ***Share willingly about the hope you have in Jesus Christ.***

- ▶ I Peter 3:15 - But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.
- ▶ Romans 1:16 - For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.

# **THE PRIMARY INFLUENCERS ARE PARENTS.**

"Impress them on your children..."  
Deuteronomy 6:7a

“Richard Ross, Ph.D., professor of student ministry at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, found that teens prove three times more likely to stay in church after high school graduation if they encounter regular healthy faith conversations within the home.”

# PRACTICALLY SPEAKING... WHERE CAN PARENTS BEGIN?





# I. TEACHABLE MOMENTS - GOD IN THE EVERYDAY.

Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Deuteronomy 6: 7

# I. TEACHABLE MOMENTS - GOD IN THE EVERYDAY.

- ▶ **Moment #1** – When you sit at home.
- ▶ **Moment #2** – When you walk along the road. (Anywhere outside house).
- ▶ **Moment #3** – When you rise.
- ▶ **Moment #4** – When you lie down.

# LET KIDCITY HELP YOU!

- ▶ Use activities
- ▶ Talk about what you learn on weekends
  - ▶ [gethope.net/family-ministry/](http://gethope.net/family-ministry/)
- ▶ Take advantage of KidCity tweets and facebook posts
  - ▶ [facebook.com/hopekidcity](https://facebook.com/hopekidcity)
  - ▶ [@hopeKidCity](https://twitter.com/hopeKidCity)



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## 2. INTENTIONAL TIMES - FAITH MILESTONES.

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Deuteronomy 6:9

# WHAT IS PARENT DEDICATION?

- ▶ Giving back to God the gift he has given you
- ▶ Your commitment as a parent to lead your child into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ
- ▶ Your decision to love God with passion



# WHAT IT ISN'T

- ▶ Infant baptism
- ▶ Salvation
  - ▶ Ephesians 2:8-9 says, For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

# WHAT HAPPENS AT A PARENT DEDICATION?

- ▶ Explanation
- ▶ Parent Vow
- ▶ Family and Friends Vow
- ▶ Closing Prayer

# PARENT VOW

- ▶ I will love God with all my heart, soul, mind and strength.
- ▶ I accept responsibility to be my child's primary faith trainer.
- ▶ I will pray for my child to know Jesus as Savior and Forever Friend.
- ▶ I will commit to growing in my relationship with Jesus Christ and living out the 5 goals.

# FOCUS ON THE RIGHT GOAL

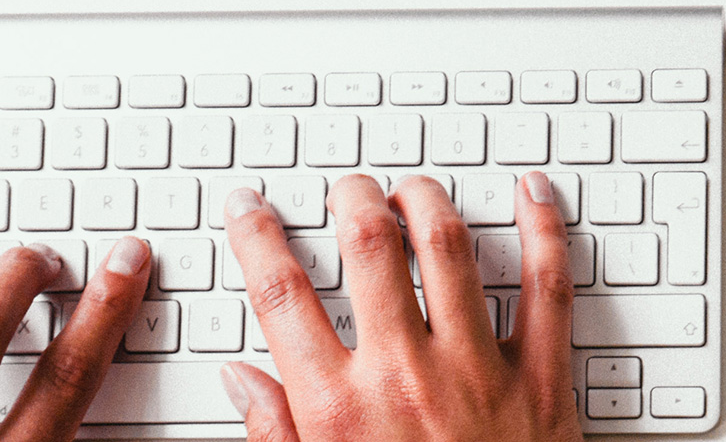
- ▶ Not a performance or a contest
- ▶ If we are looking for perfection—we will fail
- ▶ Proverbs 22:6, “Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it,”

***We will parent imperfectly, our children will make their own choices, and God will mysteriously and wondrously use it all to advance His kingdom.***

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