

GROUNDED

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Parental Vows & Personal Evaluation

A Bible Study

SACRED VOWS OF PARENTING

1. I vow to passionately pursue my relationship with God above everything else (Matthew 22:37)
2. I vow to keep my treasure in heaven (Matthew 6:19-21)
3. I vow to fiercely attack sin in my own life and model repentance for my children (Ephesians 4:22-24)
4. I vow to get whatever help I need spiritually & emotionally to be the best parent I can be (Proverbs 27:17)
5. I vow to model devotion to Christ's community, the church (Acts 2:42-47)
6. I vow to take responsibility for the spiritual formation of my children (Malachi 2:15)
7. I vow to train my children according to God's word (Deuteronomy 6:4-7)
8. I vow that my family will live a life of service and outreach (Matthew 5:14-16)
9. I vow to build and protect an emotional connection with each member of my family (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)
10. I vow to believe in God's power at work for my children's salvation until my death (Philippians 1:3-6)

PERSONAL PARENT EVALUATION

These questions are designed to help you think through your parenting. The hope is that you make decisions and plans that will make a difference for the future of your family.

1. **Are you walking with God daily?**
Do you need to radically rethink your schedule so that you can spend time with God? What can you do to rekindle the passion?
2. **What do you treasure most in your life right now?**
What would your kids say that you treasure? Your spouse? Your close friends? What can you do to keep heaven your personal treasure?
3. **Are you open about the sin in your life?**
Is there anything hidden that you need to bring into the light? Are you living a lifestyle of repentance that is noticeable to your children?
4. **Do you have someone in your life that is helping you?**
Who knows your family situation and kids and can offer you wise counsel? Do you make time to meet with others on a regular basis?
5. **Do you prioritise meetings of the body?**
6. **Do you see yourself as the primary spiritual influence in your child's life?**
7. **Do you use God's word as the standard to train your children?**
Do you have a plan of what you are trying to instill in them that is appropriate for their age?
8. **Are you involved in loving the lost and the poor around you?**
Do your children see that as your purpose?
9. **Do you have an emotional connection with each member of your family?**
What gets in the way of you having regular time with your children? What can you do to make that connection stronger?
10. **How is your faith about how your kids are doing?**
Do you believe God can work in their lives no matter what is presently going on?

Hopefully these questions have helped you to live your family life to glorify God in the greatest possible way. Use these questions to have some great conversations. Get the help and encouragement you need!