

# *Revolutionary Parenting*

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## Specific Quotes . . . .

- p. xvii " . . . churches alone do not and cannot have much influence on children. In fact, the greatest influence a church may have in affecting children is by impacting their parents."
- p. 11-12 "The responsibility for raising spiritual champions, according to the Bible, belongs to parents. The spiritual nurture of children is supposed to take place in the home. Organizations and people from outside the home might support those efforts, but the responsibility is squarely laid at the feet of the family. This is not a job for specialists. It is a job for parents."
- p. 16 "Our job is not to succeed but to be obedient to God's calling and principles and allow Him to produce the outcomes according to His perfect will. . . . As much as you love your children, God loves them more. As deeply as you desire to do what is best for your children, God wants it even more urgently. As we rely upon Him rather than our own ideas and wisdom, we can be assured that our young ones will experience the best that God has to offer, through us and others."
- p. 24 " . . . those who produce spiritual champions embrace parenting as their primary job in life. . . . this means that parenting is their full-time job; the job they get paid to do is simply an addendum to the most important work they will do in life."
- p. 32 "In fact, the adult children stated that it was the extensive time spent studying the Bible as a family that made the greatest difference in their emergence as dedicated followers of Christ and advocates of Scripture."
- p. 46 " . . . every single Revolutionary Parent we interviewed agreed that the most important focus of their children's training was the development of godly character."
- p. 56 "Parents who raised spiritual champions . . . saw themselves as the primary spiritual developers of their young ones. The role of the church to which they belonged . . . was to reinforce what was happening in the household."

- p. 73 “. . . the unwillingness of parents to closely monitor and limit media was listed by spiritual champions as a glaring fault of many parents. Giving children the freedom to determine their own media diet was ranked as one of the most insidious weaknesses of today's parents, producing outcomes that will haunt their children—and our society—for years to come.”
- p. 83 “Revolutionary Parents believe they are in charge from day one, behave like people who are in charge, and never allow doubts to linger as to who is in charge.”
- p. 89 “. . . the willingness to prioritize the family was a hallmark of fathers who were intent upon raising spiritual champions.”
- p. 94-95 “Parents must give children the rules, the rules must be enforced consistently, and there must be consequences for the failure to stay in line. The failure to follow through on those expectations makes a shambles of the parents' authority and their ability to keep youngsters on track.”
- p. 96 “Transformational parenting entails adopting a leadership position when it comes to fostering a child's faith; leaving the job to the religious professionals is an inappropriate transfer of authority and power to people and organizations that God never intended.”
- p. 132 “Just as humans are described as the crowning achievement of His creation, so are children the crowning achievement of our lives, as we partner with God in the miracle of birth. His description of children is that they are a *special* gift—a blessing to the parents and, if the parents do their job well, ultimately a blessing to the world.”
- p. 153-154 “[God] has never waited until He had a majority of the people behind Him to introduce a major shift in human reality. He has consistently relied upon the dedication of a remnant of people whose hearts were sold out to His purposes, and He has brought about transformation through those people. If you (and each Christian family) take small steps forward—as evidenced through the spiritual transformation in our children's lives—then we will live to see a spiritual awakening unlike anything we have witnessed during our lifetime. In your mind, have you accepted the responsibility for changing a small part of the world through your children?”