

# GOSPEL-CENTERED PARENTING

Psalm 127

February 21, 2021

- I. Gospel-centered parents recognize that children are a \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_. – v. 5

Why are children a blessing?

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- II. Gospel-centered parents recognize children are \_\_\_\_\_.  
– v. 1-2

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Children are arrows, but before they can be shot out for the Lord they need to be bent toward Him. What are some ways parents can bend their children toward the Lord? How does the goal of shooting them out change the way we seek to bend them?

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### 3. APPLY THE TRUTH

Are you a child-centered or Gospel-centered parent? Choose a couple of statements from the chart and discuss the dangers of being child-centered and the blessings of being Gospel-centered. In what areas do you need to shift your thinking to being more Gospel-centered in your parenting?

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## SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

III. Gospel-centered parents recognize children must be \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. — v. 4

**AM I A \_\_\_\_\_-CENTERED PARENT  
OR A \_\_\_\_\_-CENTERED PARENT?**

### **Stewardship Report:**

Last Week: \$3,531.00

This Month: \$10,300.00

Last Month: \$27,733.00

Monthly Budget: \$26,531.00

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## 1. STUDY THE SCRIPTURE

Read Psalm 127. What are the different persons and roles involved in parenting in this Psalm? How do they work together to create a Gospel-centered home? In what ways are children a blessing from the Lord?

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## 2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Scripture says children are a blessing from the Lord. How do you see our culture get this wrong? What impact does that have on our society? How has this impacted you personally with your own parents or in your parenting?

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God says that He is the builder of our homes and children. How can this truth free parents in their parenting? In what ways do you sometimes try to build your home/children yourself or without relying on God? How well do you sleep as a parent?



<b>CHILD-CENTERED PARENTS</b>	<b>GOSPEL-CENTERED PARENTS</b>
1. Believe children are basically good and need affirmation.	1. Believe children are foolish and need correction and a Savior.
2. Allow children to believe they are sovereign.	2. Train children to yield control to God who alone is sovereign.
3. Make children objects of worship.	3. Make parenting an act of worship to God.
4. Love children too little or too much.	4. Love children more than themselves but less than God.
5. Allow demands of children to dictate the family schedule.	5. Train children to bend their schedules around the needs of others.
6. Fear what would happen to their children if they ever left their sight.	6. Trust God is watching over their children when they cannot.
7. Allow children to view themselves as peers with adults and authorities.	7. Train children to honor adults and submit to authorities.
8. Prioritize children over their marriage.	8. Prioritize marriage for the sake of their children.
9. Define success by compliant, obedient children.	9. Define success by repentance, faith and recognizing their need for God.
10. Find identity in the performance of their children.	10. Find identity in the grace of Christ.