

My Dedication as a Parent

Ten Commandments of Parenting

- 1 I will seek, as God enables me, to show my children how a husband loves his wife, as Christ loved the church (Ephesians 5:25), and how a wife subjects herself to her husband in everything, just as the church willingly subjects herself to Christ (Ephesians 5:24);
- 2 I will seek, as God enables me, to confess my sinfulness to my family (Proverbs 28:13), as well as seek their forgiveness when necessary (Matthew 6:14-15; Colossians 3:13), for the ultimate desire to be pleasing to God in all my ways (2 Corinthians 5:9);
- 3 I will seek, as God enables me, to abstain from sexual immorality (1 Thessalonians 4:3-8), and to promote sexual purity in my home (Proverbs 5-7);
- 4 I will seek, as God enables me, to manage the Lord's money and resources with the utmost integrity (1 Timothy 6:5-10), delighting in ways to be a better steward of all our time, talent, and treasure (Proverbs 31:10-31), while always looking to Him to provide for our basic life needs (Matthew 6:31-34; 1 Timothy 5:8);
- 5 I will seek, as God enables me, to do the work of an evangelist (2 Timothy 4:5), witnessing to those with whom I come in contact, of the love and mercy provided alone in Jesus Christ, and to instill in my children the same desire to share this eternal message (1 Corinthians 15:1-4);
- 6 I will seek, as God enables me, to raise my children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4);
- 7 I will seek, as God enables me, to teach my children the Word of God (Deut. 6:4-9), and to endeavor to be a model of Christlikeness for them (1 John 2:6);
- 8 I will seek, as God enables me, to consistently provide my children with the rod of reproof, for their correction and training, so that they will cease their foolishness and become wise (Proverbs 13:24; 19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14);
- 9 I will seek, as God enables me, to speak with godly wisdom (Proverbs 4:24; 6:12; 10:32; 19:1), and to continually train my children not to speak unrighteously (Ephesians 4:29-31);
- 10 I will seek, as God enables me, to love my God with all my heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love my neighbor as myself (Matthew 22:37-40), seeking to live a pure and undefiled religion by visiting orphans and widows in their distress, and keeping myself unstained by the world (James 1:27), all the while desiring to see the same in my children and theirs.