

³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your **grandmother** Lois and your **mother** Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. —2 Timothy 1:3-5 ESV

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¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

—2 Timothy 3:14-15 ESV

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“The big picture of parenting is the big picture of the Bible because parenting is a depiction of the gospel. Consider the language Scripture uses to describe our relationship to God: Conversion is called being ‘born again’ (John 3:3); our salvation is called an ‘inheritance’ (1 Peter 1:3-4); God disciplines those He loves (Proverbs 3:11-12); we are called ‘children of God’ (John 1:12, 3:1).

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Our father/child relationship to God is so significant that Sinclair Ferguson says, ‘This is the fundamental way for the Christian to think about himself: “I am a child of God and His people are my brothers and sisters.”’ Parenting is a picture of the gospel: to us, to our kids, and to the world around us.”

—Will Walker

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Five Fierce Forces Godly Parents Face

1. Man is the center of all things. (humanism)
2. This is all there is. (materialism)
3. Pleasure is the purpose of life. (hedonism)
4. Absolutely no absolutes. (relativism)
5. Good parents raise “good kids”. (moralism)

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“When we realize that having children isn’t about us but is rather about God, then the trials and sacrifices of parenting are easier to handle. The issue is no longer how proud my children make me, but how faithful I’ve been to do what God wants me to do.”

—Gary Thomas, *Sacred Parenting*

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⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house,

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and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

—Deuteronomy 6:4-9 ESV

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P-I-L-O-T Points for Parents Personalization

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“You must become what you are praying for your children to become.”
—Gary Thomas

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“Only when we love God rightly can we parent faithfully.”

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We love because He first loved us.
—1 John 4:19 ESV

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P-I-L-O-T Points for Parents
Intentionality

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P-I-L-O-T Points for Parents
Legacy

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“God allowed us to travel a path we would not have chosen to experience blessings we could never have comprehended.”

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Psalm 127

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“You may not be able to do anything about your ancestors, but you can do a lot for your descendants.” —Abraham Lincoln

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P-I-L-O-T Points for Parents
Opportunities

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P-I-L-O-T Points for Parents
Testimony

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...¹²then take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ¹³It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by His name you shall swear.
—Deuteronomy 6:12-13 ESV

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—2 Timothy 3:14-15 ESV

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To my mom, Jeanne McKinley—
her eyes never read these words and her hands never turned these pages, but her heart helped shape every thought, her prayers for me have been realized through this work, her smile encouraged my faith, and her example assured me of the satisfaction found in knowing and following Jesus Christ.

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“We search the world for truth; we cull
The good, the true, the beautiful,
From graven stone and written scroll,
And all old flower-fields of the soul;
And, weary seekers of the best,
We come back laden from our quest,
To find that all the sages said,
Is in the Book our mothers read.
—John Greenleaf Whittier, *Miriam*

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