

book of the month *What the Bible Says about Parenting* – John MacArthur

We are highlighting a parenting resource this month in connection with our upcoming parenting conference (February 24th and 25th).

What the Bible Says about Parenting is an excellent resource for new parents and those maneuvering through the teen years. The strength of the book is found in its commitment to biblical principles. “What we desperately need is a return to the *biblical* principles of parenting. Christian parents don’t need new, shrink-wrapped programs; they need to apply and obey consistently the few simple principles that are clearly set forth for parents in God’s Word” (12).

The book covers key issues related to...

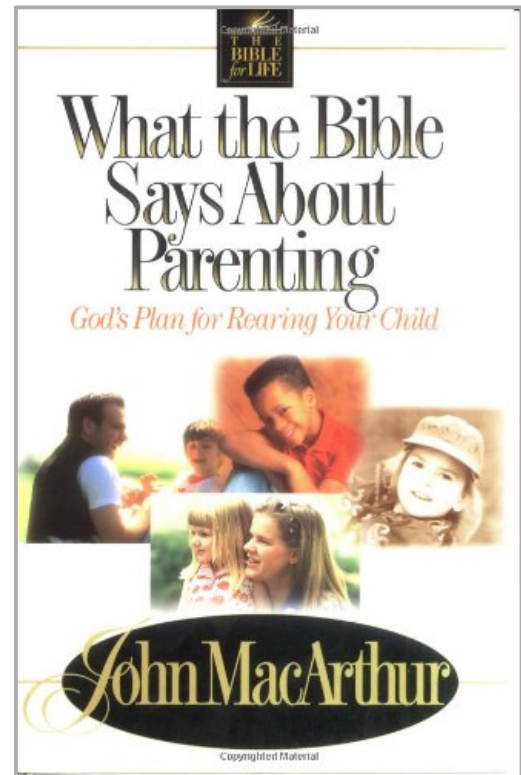
the purpose and goals of parenting: “The *true* measure of success for Christian parents is the parents’ own character. To the degree that we have followed God’s design for parenting, we have succeeded as parents before God” (17)

evangelism: “Parents have the best years of the child’s life to explain, clarify, stress, and reemphasize gospel truths. The key is to be faithful and consistent in both teaching and exemplifying the gospel” (47).

the importance of our roles as husbands and wives as it relates to parenting: “Families these days tend to be child-centered...the children’s activities, their relationships, and their interests tend to set the family agenda. But God’s design for the family is that it be first Christ-centered, and then marriage-centered, with the husband-wife relationship taking priority over all other relationships in the home and the parents, not the children, determining the family agenda” (160).

It is my hope that reading this book will help us to understand these biblical principles, so that we might raise our kids to the glory and honor of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

- John Dube



Suggested Four Week Reading Plan:

- **Week 1: Sunday, 2/5 – Saturday, 2/11**
 - Introduction - 3 pages
 - Chapter 1 - 22 pages
 - Chapter 2 - 18 pages
- **Week 2: Sunday 2/12 – Saturday, 2/18**
 - Chapter 3 - 19 pages
 - Chapter 4 - 36 pages
- **Week 3: Sunday 2/19 – Saturday 2/25**
 - Chapter 5 - 22 pages
 - Chapter 6 - 26 pages
- **Week 4: Sunday 2/26 – Saturday 3/4**
 - Chapter 7 - 22 pages
 - Chapter 8 - 19 pages