

"Parental Guidance Required"

(tips from the parents)



- Relationships are key
- Learning to parent via relationship vs. size (power)
- Living by example for our kids
- You are one of the biggest spiritual influences in your child's life- including your adult friends

Experiences that are relationship rich can make for great development with your child.

- Look at the long term with your child and what you want the end result to be.

Depth of the relationship will determine the depth of the influence later on.

----- Amanda

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- Being a positive role model
 - What are your kids learning and mimicking from the parent?
 - Do they trust you with their secrets and innermost feelings?

----- Charlie

The depth of your relationship will determine the depth of your influence.

To be relationally rich is more important than being experience rich.

Our relationship with them

Spiritual relationship

Relationships outside

Keep the long term goal in mind.

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- Remember to focus on the relationship the most. Yes you have to deal with discipline and such, but always finish by restoring the relationship- this was a good reminder to me.
 - Remember the long term goal of being in a position influence. The depth of the relationship now will determine the depth of the relationship later.

----- Joe



This class has reinforced the mindset that I have of being intentional in our children's experiences, activities and relationships.

I especially learned a lot during the session on keeping our parental relationship strong, especially during the transitional age of our children (8-12). I realized that the control needs to gradually diminish as we lead more by our relationship with them.

----- Jessica



If you have a parenting question- call Nanny Nancy Adams- she's been through it all!

- Be consistent. Mothers and fathers, discipline as a team. Do not disagree about discipline issues in front of the kids- have a united front.
- Model what you want your kids to be like. Don't just tell them, you need to model it!
- Listen to your kids. Have a relationship with them. Take time with them. Don't just say, "Do it because I'm the mom and I said so."

Depth of the relationship determines the willingness of them to come to you, the parent, when they're older, when the decisions are bigger.

----- Julie

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- The things that Nancy suggested- (consequence jar- piece of paper.)
 - Being consistent, while keeping relationship with children close.
 - Size and power/vs. Relating/Reasoning.
 - More when they are small/pre-school à older kids, teenagers.
 - As they get older, you do less "size and position" and more logical reasoning with kids.
 - Dials- outside influence
Our relationships
Spiritual

----- Julie (another one)

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- Spiritual anchor- influence
 - Relational influence vs. positioned influence
 - Don't exasperate

----- Wei

Parenting should be relationship rich.

I liked the illustration of the three dials and the thought of turning our children's influences in or out by controlling what we truly have control of, and being intentional about them.

I like the thought of helping to cultivate relationships out side of us as parents that our children can turn to when making life decisions.

Am I exasperating my children by not listening to what they say? (Taking the time)

The depth of the relationship will determine the depth of influence.

----- Dennis



I've learned that size and position eventually need to give way to relational influence. Relationships seem, to be the key to being a good parental influence as you parent your children.



Making sure that we are being intentional about the three relationships that we as parents have control over: relationship with God, parents, and friends. Three dials you can dial in and out of.

Keeping the long term goal in mind of wanting to be a parent of influence.

----- Jeremy

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- Being relational not just experiential
 - Being a man of influence not just position
 - Be intentional!
 - Take time amidst the Busy

----- Josh

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- Not to use Size and power or position as she gets older- it won't work.
 - Build relationships to such a level that you have influence in their lives. Lead by example.
 - Pray, pray and pray some more!
 - Being able to recognize that we, as parents, have a limited amount of influence in our children's lives; that there are others "dialing in;" most especially as they grow older. The need to have strong relations and Godly influences.

---- Lori

How to communicate in a non-judgmental way, to go from "size and power" to "relationship" in dealing with kids. Depth of relationship will determine depth of influence.

----- Barry

During this class I have learned the importance of "the long view" of raising children, such as intentionally giving the children opportunities to learn character, values, discernment.

I have learned the importance of prioritizing the influences in their lives:

1. God first
2. Parents second
3. Other outside influences.



This is the follow through of dedicating them to Jesus- giving them the skills in youth they can carry throughout their lives, as adults, parents, and community members.

Parenting is more than getting them to obey us. We want the children to be filled with the Holy Spirit: having peace and self awareness to stay whole amongst the craziness of the world.

----- Tiffany