



Section 1: How do you want to be known? - An Assessment

Last month, Jonathan shared “Lessons from the Garden,” highlighting how easy it is to focus on certain aspects of our lives while unintentionally neglecting others. As busy entrepreneurs, one part of our “garden” that requires ongoing care is our children—regardless of their age or stage.

It can be easy to slip into autopilot, but as parents, we are always called to guide our children toward Christ and His Kingdom, helping them ultimately pursue what truly matters: deepening faith in Jesus and what He calls “treasure in Heaven.”

The Parent You Aspire to Be

List the top 3 qualities or characteristics you want to be known for as a parent by your kids (e.g., patient, consistent, loving). Then, rank yourself on a scale of 1-10 in each area (1 = Needs significant growth, 10 = Fully embody this quality): where do you currently stand? What needs to change to increase that rating?

Quality/Characteristic	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Takeaway: Your rankings reveal where you’re thriving and where God is calling you to grow—keep these insights in mind as we move into our content discussion and let these insights shape your prayers and intentional next steps in parenting.

Section 2: Barry and Tracy Lusk on Parenting with Purpose

After 25 years of parenting—the ups, downs, trial, and error— Barry and Tracy share what has helped them along the way: praying, shifting their perspective, and persevering through every season with trust in God and grace for their kids (and themselves).

Section 3: Discussion Questions:

Take a few minutes to review the following questions. Share and be transparent with each other and be sure to ask a few clarifying questions before giving any advice.

Prayer & Dependence on God

What open-handed prayer can you start praying for your children? How can you trust God with their journey?

Perspective on Parenting

Where have you prioritized your child's success over their spiritual growth? How can you and your spouse shift your focus to align with God's plan for them?

Perseverance in Parenting

Where are you struggling to persevere as a parent? Which specific promises of God can you trust in during tough seasons?

30 Day Grow Goal:

Section 4: Iron Forums Toolkit

Worksheet: Develop your “**Parenting Vision Statement.**”

Need an Advisor?: Reach out to the Iron Forums Advisor Corp or your Facilitator.

Podcast: **Praying Scripture Over Your Child's Life** with Jodie Berndt (Focus on the Family)   

Book: **Shepherding a Child's Heart** by Tedd Tripp 