

Parenting Vision Grow Guide

Why a Parenting Vision Statement?

We create vision statements for our businesses to define purpose, direction, and values—why wouldn't we do the same for one of our greatest callings: parenting?

Proverbs 29:18 reminds us, *"Where there is no vision, the people perish."* A clear, biblically grounded Parenting Vision Statement provides focus, guiding us as we raise our children with intentionality and faith.

Step 1: Prayer & Seeking God's Guidance

Before moving forward, take time to pray—whether individually or together with your spouse. Ask God for wisdom, clarity, and strength in your parenting. Pray for discernment in shaping your vision and for your children to grow into who God has called them to be. Let this be a reminder that prayer and scripture must be the foundation of your Parenting Vision Statement.

Sample Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we come before You, seeking Your wisdom and guidance in our parenting journey. Help us to be the parents You have called us to be, reflecting Your love, grace, and truth. May our children grow to know and follow You wholeheartedly. Lord, shape our vision according to Your Word, and let every goal, quality, and value we set be rooted in Scripture. Help us to pray over these truths daily for ourselves and for our children. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Step 2: Reflecting on Your Parenting Goals

Take a few moments to answer these questions individually, then discuss them with your spouse or a trusted mentor.

- What kind of parents do we want to be?
- If our children were asked to describe us at age 80, what would we hope they say?

- What qualities or values do we want to be known for as parents?
 - What are the biggest influences on our parenting today (mentors, books, personal experiences)?
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Step 3: Biblical Foundations of Parenting

Read the following scriptures and reflect on how they shape your role as a parent:

- Deuteronomy 6:6-7 – Teaching children diligently about God
- Proverbs 22:6 – Training up a child in the way they should go
- Ephesians 6:4 – Bringing up children in the instruction of the Lord
- Psalm 127:3-5 – Viewing children as a blessing from God

Each goal, quality, or value you establish should be backed by Scripture. Let these verses be the foundation of your parenting vision and prayers for your family.

Discussion Questions:

- Which of these scriptures resonates with us most? Why?
 - Are there any biblical principles we've neglected in our parenting?
 - How can we incorporate more intentional discipleship in our home?
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Step 4: Defining Success in Parenting

- What do we currently focus on helping our children succeed in? (Academics, sports, finances, etc.)
- According to scripture, what does success look like? (Character, faith, stewardship, love, etc.)
- Are there any gaps between what we're prioritizing and what we should be?
- How can we shift our focus to include both temporal and eternal success for our children?

Step 5: Crafting Your Parenting Vision Statement

Write a short statement that captures your vision for parenting. If you have a spouse, work on this together. Seek input from a mentor, close friend, or trusted family member to help refine your vision. Consider:

- What you hope to instill in your children
- The kind of home environment you want to create
- The role of faith and discipleship in your family
- A Scripture passage that serves as the foundation for your vision

Our Parenting Vision Statement:

Step 6: Accountability & Next Steps

- What are one or two small changes we can implement this week to align with our vision?
- How will we hold ourselves accountable in our parenting? If married, how will we support each other in this?
- Who can we seek for wisdom and support in this journey?
- How often will we revisit and revise our parenting vision statement?

Take time to pray, asking God for wisdom, patience, and grace in your parenting journey. Use the scriptures from this worksheet as a guide to pray over your children and your family's growth in faith.