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TITLE: How To Parent Your Kids With Grace (Not Fear or

Control)

Our daily relationship with God directly feeds into how we see our role as a parent. If we have a flawed theology regarding who God is and how he sees us-his attitude toward us, our choices, our sin-it creates a chain reaction of flawed decisions and actions in how we parent our children.

Here are three key things to believe and consider:

- 1. **Know that your children are a gift from God** given primarily for the purpose of receiving and expressing his grace and character in the world. They do not exist to make you look good or fulfill *your* dreams. They were created to bear God's image, even though they may physically look like you. :-)
- 2. **Believe that God loves you the same regardless** of how well or poorly you have been parenting so far. There is no condemnation from Him towards you. You have his love and grace. He desires that you know him more and live and parent out of your relationship with him.
- 3. Seek forgiveness from your kids for the poor choices and responses you have made with them. Name the unbelief and fear behind your actions or words so that your children learn the truth about God. Help them understand that He is a perfect parent who is full of grace and truth even when you are not.

You will be amazed and humbled at how forgiving your children will be when you go to them and seek forgiveness for past parenting bungles.

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