

THE SERIES FOR STRESSED OUT MOMS AND DADS



Parenting In Sanity

Building the Family You've Always Wanted

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√ Ultimately, the parenting mission is not to _____ our children in fear, but to _____ them in love.

BUILDING THE FAMILY YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED:

1. ESTABLISH A SPIRITUAL _____ IN YOUR HOME.

¹ So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life - your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life - and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.

Romans 12:1 (MSG)

√ Rhythm requires _____ and _____.

2. ADJUST THE SPIRITUAL _____ FOR YOUR FAMILY.

¹⁴ Desperate, I throw myself on you: you are my God! ¹⁵ Hour by hour I place my days in your hand, safe from the hands out to get me. ¹⁶ Warm me, your servant, with a smile; save me because you love me.

Psalm 31:14-16 (MSG)

√ Prepare your child for the _____, not the _____ for the child.

3. LOVE WITH A _____.

²⁰ ...When he was still a long way off, his father saw him. His heart pounding, he ran out, embraced him, and kissed him. ²¹ The son started his speech: 'Father, I've sinned against God, I've sinned before you; I don't deserve to be called your son ever again.' ²² 'But the father wasn't listening. He was calling to the servants, 'Quick. Bring a clean set of clothes and dress him. Put the family ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Then get a grain-fed heifer and roast it. We're going to feast! We're going to have a wonderful time! ²⁴ My son is here - given up for dead and now alive! Given up for lost and now found!'

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1. ESTABLISH A SPIRITUAL RHYTHM IN YOUR HOME.

¹ So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life - your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life - and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.

Romans 12:1 (MSG)

√ Rhythm requires **INTENTIONALITY** and **CONSISTENCY**.

2. ADJUST THE SPIRITUAL THERMOSTAT FOR YOUR FAMILY.

¹⁴ Desperate, I throw myself on you: you are my God! ¹⁵ Hour by hour I place my days in your hand, safe from the hands out to get me. ¹⁶ Warm me, your servant, with a smile; save me because you love me.

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