

**Article 01 for Parents****18<sup>th</sup> May 2025****Parenting with Purpose: Raising Children to Know and Love God**

In a world filled with shifting values and endless distractions, one of the greatest gifts we can give our children is not just a good education or a safe home—it's the foundation of faith. Parenting with purpose means more than raising "good" kids; it means raising **Godly children** who know they are loved by Him and learn to love Him in return.

Every child is a miracle, entrusted to us not just for protection, but for *discipleship*. Deuteronomy 6:6-7 says, "*These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home, when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.*" Our call as parents is clear, we are to be the first and most consistent spiritual voice in our children's lives.

But let's be honest: parenting is hard. Some days, you're holding a toddler who won't stop crying. Other days, you're wondering if your teenager hears anything you say. There are moments you feel like you're failing. But hear this, **God is not asking for perfection. He's asking for faithfulness.**

Parenting with purpose starts in the quiet moments: reading a Bible story before bed, praying over scraped knees, modeling forgiveness after an argument. These small seeds of faith, planted daily, grow roots deep in your child's heart. They may not fully understand now, but one day they'll look back and realize that the way you lived spoke louder than anything you said.

To raise children who know and love God, they must first see that **you know and love Him**. Your walk matters. When they see you reading the Bible, they learn that God's Word is essential. When they see you pray, especially when life is tough, they learn that God is not a last resort, but a trusted friend. When they see you serve others, they understand what love in action really looks like.

And when you fall short, and you will sometimes, let them see repentance and grace. Let them know that even you, as a parent, rely on the mercy of God. That kind of honesty creates a space where faith becomes real, not just something we perform.

Raising children to know and love God isn't about controlling their future, it's about **leading them to the One who holds their future**. It's less about pushing rules, and more about nurturing relationship: their relationship with you, and ultimately, their relationship with Christ.

So to every parent feeling the weight of this holy task, be encouraged. You are not doing this alone. God is with you, guiding, strengthening, and filling in every gap. He cares more about your child than even you do. And He is faithful to complete the good work He began in you and in them.

Let your legacy not be just the achievements of your children, but the **faith you planted** in their hearts, one prayer, one conversation, one moment of grace at a time.

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