



TALK IT OVER

The Focus of Parenting

BOTTOM LINE

Everything in our lives and our children's lives is shaped by our worship.

CONVERSATION STARTER

Who did you "hero-worship" as a child? What was the attraction?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/daily
- [How to Honor God as a Parent](#) by Priscilla Shirer

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

My dear children, I am in pain for you ... And my pain will continue until Christ makes you like himself. Galatians 4:19 NIRV

They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. Romans 1:25 NIV

Jesus: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20 NIV

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:16 NIV

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." – St. Augustine

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What does it mean to you that a parent is the spiritual leader of his/her children? Paul was the spiritual parent of the Galatians and he said he was in pain, waiting for Christ to be developed in them. How real is that pain and challenge to you? Children do what they do because of what they worship. So, what we need is not behavioral management but worship realignment. How do you think children choose what they worship? What competes with God for your own worship? We experience fear and anxiety because we worship/love things that can be taken away from us. Where have you experienced that in your life? How is life compartmentalization a problem in raising children to worship? Discuss: "We try to control and manage behavior rather than see God change hearts." How can this change for you? How are you working with God to make disciples of your children? Success is about faithfulness, not results—the results are in His hands. Pray about this.

ACTION STEP

I will seek God's daily wisdom on teaching my children they need a Savior, showing them how to worship God with my own life. I will look for spiritual conversation opportunities.