



TALK IT OVER

Clarity

BOTTOM LINE

Nothing is more important in your life than being one of God's tools to form a human soul.

CONVERSATION STARTER

Who was an adult you most admired when you were a teen or college age? What about them did you admire?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/daily
- [The Fluid Identity of Gen Z](#) - 6 minutes on Gen Z by Tim Elmore

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

Behold, children are a gift from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward.
Psalm 127:3 NKJV

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.
Psalm 24:1 NIV

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 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 and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:4-9 NIV

"Parenting is all about being a steward." – Dwight Mason

"Parenting is not about what we want for our children or from our children, but what God desires to do through us in our children." – Dwight Mason

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What does it mean that parenting is about being a steward? How is that different from the average perception of parenting? What makes this such a struggle for most parents. The first step of parenting is to recognize your purpose. The purpose of parenting: Nothing is more important in your life than being one of God's tools to form a human soul. What evidence do you have that we "form human souls" whether or not we do it intentionally? Andy Stanley says, "If you want to change someone, hurt them deeply or love them profoundly." Discuss how this applies to parenting. How do we steward grace and truth? The second step is to realize you are powerless. Do you think most parents *feel* powerless? How is feeling powerless different than recognizing you are powerless? God never calls you to a task without giving you what you need to do it. He never sends you without going with you. How can this be applied to parenting? Tim Elmore says three power tools are fear, reward, and shame. Discuss these. How has God helped you? If you were raised by godly parents, how did your parents access the power of God for you? How will you pray for the parents of our Gen Z young people?

ACTION STEP

I will pray regularly for the Gen Z generation members in my life, myself, and their parents. I will enlist the help of the church in shaping the soul of my child.