

SHEPHERDING A CHILD'S HEART PARENTS HANDBOOK

Dr. Tripp has given us a valuable tool as a companion to Shepherding a Child's Heart. The Handbook deepens the shepherding model found in the book.

There are sections of Bible study, application, strategic questions to help parents commit to change and some gospel encouragement that you can be a better parent because of the power of grace working in you. If you want to increase your own learning beyond what we will cover in the class, please order the Parent's Handbook and study on your own or with your spouse. We believe the Handbook will be a valuable tool for your personal and parental growth.

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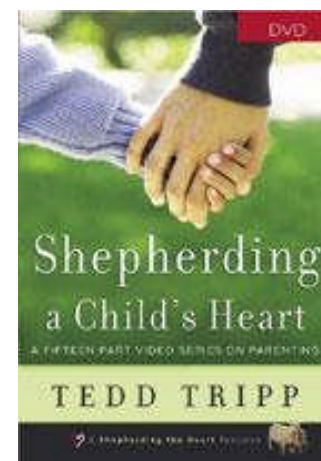
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Shepherding A Child's Heart

"Shepherding a Child's Heart" is a paradigm shift for most parents because it focuses on parental nurture (shepherding) rather than constraining and controlling external behavior. It recognizes that children, like adults, make choices that are driven by their hearts. When we behave badly or do things that are unkind it is because our hearts, at that moment, love something else more than we love God and others. Shepherding the heart involves helping children

SHEPHERDING QUESTIONS WEEK 1

FRI: GOD IS CONCERNED WITH HEART ISSUES MORE THAN "BEHAVIOR." WHY?

PROVERBS 4:23
LUKE 6:45

SAT: WHAT WORDS DOES THE BIBLE USE TO DESCRIBE THE THOUGHTS AND PURPOSES OF THE HEART?

HEBREWS 4:12

MON: WHY IS "CHANGED BEHAVIOR" NOT OUR GOAL WHEN WE CORRECT OUR CHILDREN?

MATTHEW 15:8

TUE: WHAT QUESTIONS CAN YOU ASK YOUR CHILDREN THAT FORCES THEM TO FOCUS ON THEIR HEART RATHER THAN THEIR BEHAVIOR?

WED: HOW SHOULD YOUR GOALS AND ATTITUDES ABOUT DISCIPLINE CHANGE?

THUR: READ THE FOLLOWING VERSE BEFORE COMING TO CLASS

ROMANS 12:19, PROVERBS 29:25,
PSALM 10:4, PSALM 56:3,4,11, PROV-
ERBS 10:12, JAMES 3:14, 16

discern the internal motivations that shape their external behavior. It helps children discern not just the actions and/or the circumstances of behavior, but also the internal motivations of that behavior.

"Shepherding a Child's Heart" helps parents bring the power and grace of the Gospel to their children. If the problem of behavior for children and adults is a heart that has strayed from God's ways, the answer is the power and grace of God that can transform us internally. Grace cleanses, grace transforms, grace empowers; that's a realistic message of hope for children and their parents.