

Why Godliness must be our Parenting Goal

- I. Godliness is God's goal for our parenting.
 - A. God's design for marriage is spiritual unity and faithfulness (Malachi 2:10-14, 16).
 - Spiritual unity between husband and wife (10-12)
 - Faithful harmony as a couple (13-14, 16)
 - B. God's purpose for our parenting is godly children (Malachi 2:15).
- II. God blesses our children when we parent with the goal of godliness.
 - (Proverbs 20:7) "The righteous man leads a blameless life; blessed are his children after him."
 - A. Children whose parents are committed to worship and God's word often have a positive impact in the world (Psalms 112:1-2).
 - B. Children who are parented to obey God often live longer because they avoid natural consequences of sin (Ephesians 6:1-3; Exodus 20:12; Proverbs 19:18).
- III. We can trust God with our children when we parent with the goal of godliness.
 - A. We can trust God to discipline and guide our children when they struggle with sin (Hebrews 12:5,6,11).
 - B. We can trust God to use trials to bring about things that truly best for our child (Romans 8:28).