

Myths That Too Many Parents Believe

A. *Myth*: an invented idea or concept; an imaginary or fictitious thing; an unproved or false belief.

B. Listen to the way our heavenly Father speaks of his children (*Isa 46:3-4; 49:15-16a; Matt 23:37*).

C. What sort of myths—false concepts that too many parents believe—permeate our culture?

- “All advice offered to parents is equally _____ and _____.” (*Psa 127; 139*)
- “One of the worst things you can do is impose your _____ on your children.” (*2 Tim 1:3-5*)
- “If you want to be successful as a parent, determine to be your child’s _____ at all costs.” (*Eph 6:1-4; Prov 6:20-24; Heb 12:7; Prov 29:15; 22:15*)
- “_____ my children to _____ equals raising them in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” (*Deut 6:4-7*)
- “My children aren’t sophisticated enough to notice my _____.” (*Rom 2:21-24*)
- “It won’t affect my children if they hear me _____ my brethren and destructively _____ the church.” (*Matt 18:15,6; Gal 5:13-15*)
- “_____ should naturally be expected to be disrespectful, worldly, and untrustworthy.” (*1 Tim 4:12; Acts 16:1-2*)
- “If I don’t permit some _____ activities, they might turn away from the Lord.” (*Luke 9:23-26*)
- “What my family really needs is more _____.” (*Luke 12:15; Prov 11:4; 15:16-17*)
- “I’ve got plenty of _____.” (*James 4:13-17; Eccl 12:1-14*)