

Introduction:

1. Passing the baton: An American story

2. Principles of parenting

D edicate _____ your child to the Lord (Matthew 1:21-23)

E stablish _____ a Biblical upbringing in your home (Exodus 6:4-9)

S how _____ a life of Christlikeness (1 Corinthians 11:1)

T eamwork _____ (Proverbs 11:14)

I ntercede _____ in prayer (Ephesians 3:14-17)

N avigate _____ your child's purpose in life (Genesis 49:1ff)

Y ield _____ them up to maturity (Matthew 3:16-17)

Conclusion:

Passing the baton: A Biblical story

1. What are the pros and cons of parenting these days?
2. Read Matthew 1:21-22. How is Jesus' name important to His life's purpose? How has this principle of naming your children changed your perspective of giving them their destiny? How can you amend the current situation?
3. Read Exodus 6:4-9. God gave His commandments to the Israelites more than 3,000 years ago. What has changed and what has not changed in terms of the application of this passage?
4. Read Proverbs 11:4. An ancient African saying says, "It takes a village to raise a child." How can you apply this as a parent? How can you apply this if you are not a parent?
5. Read Genesis 49:1 and 28. The whole chapter is about Jacob giving blessing to his children. The Jewish family of children dedication and benediction is a rite of passage that has a lifelong spiritual and moral implication on their children. How can we as Christians apply these Abrahamic principles of navigating our children towards their life's purpose?
6. Close the Life Group by praying as a group of becoming a "village" to raise godly and successful children.

PRAY!