

## **Parenting by Faith: Laying a Foundation in the Toddler Years**

I. A Christ-Centered Home

II. A Spirit-Led Home

III. A Parent-Directed Home

A. Parent-Directed Goals

- Spiritual
- Familial (immediate and extended family)
- Social/Ministerial (People you pour into, people you learn from, and/or have fun with)
- Personal Health/Fitness
- Domestic (Household organization and cleanliness)
- Intellectual/Academic (areas you want to learn or your kids to learn)
- Financial (saving, giving, budgeting etc.)

B. Parent-Directed Planning

Our Heavenly Father is a planner

### Isaiah 46:9-11

remember the former things of old;  
for I am God, and there is no other;  
I am God, and there is none like me,  
<sup>10</sup> declaring the end from the beginning  
and from ancient times things not yet done,  
saying, 'My counsel shall stand,  
and I will accomplish all my purpose,'  
<sup>11</sup> calling a bird of prey from the east,  
the man of my counsel from a far country.  
I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass;  
I have purposed, and I will do it.

**Ephesians 1:3-10:** God has planned beforehand His intention for salvation of believers. You have a part in the plan of God for your children. He gave you *your* children; therefore you are a part of their redemptive history. It is your job to plan how to use the time He has given you for His glory and teaching your children the greatness of the Savior.

## We can plan and be open to God's Direction

### Proverbs 16:1

"The preparations of the heart *belong* to man, But the answer of the tongue *is* from the LORD

### Proverbs 16:1 and 3

"The mind of man plans his way But the Lord directs his steps"

### Proverbs 20:18

"Prepare plans by consultation"

**Ephesians 5:15-16** "Be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but wise, making the most of your time because the days are evil." You only have a limited time on this earth and an even more limited time with your kids; therefore use your time in a way that will produce the maximum fruit.