

Parenting with Holy Spirit

“Raising children in our kingdom”

Parenting is relational journey between a married male and female as they raise a child or children.

Parenting is *chronological* and *developmental* journey with a married couple as they direct a child through life.

- Parenting is for adults not immature babies.
- There is a huge difference between having a baby and being a parent raising a child. *La Fayette Scales*
- Parenting is not for children or cowards. *La Fayette Scales*

I

Parents need Holy Spirit empowerment to *position* themselves for parenting.

Luke 1:34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? ³⁵ And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of **the Highest shall overshadow** thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Mary was overshadowed by the Holy Ghost from the beginning of her parenting journey.

Joseph was directed by the Lord to maintain his relationship with Mary.

Matthew 1:24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and **took unto him his wife:** ²⁵ And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

- Joseph and Mary were directed by the Holy Spirit.

II

Parents are to *protect* their child.

Matthew 2:13 And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to **Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt**, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. ¹⁴ When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: ¹⁵ **And was there until the death of Herod:** that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

Joseph and Mary were warned by God.

- Joseph and Mary were guardians to Jesus.

III

Parents are to point their children in the right direction.

Luke 2:41 Now **his parents went to Jerusalem every year** at the feast of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, **they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.**

Joseph and Mary took their child to the temple.

There was regular, annual, and compassionate worship attendance.

IV

Parents are to ponder over the uniqueness of their child.

Luke 2:17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹ But Mary **kept all these things, and pondered them** in her heart.

Joseph and Mary held some things in their heart.

Luke 2:49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? ⁵⁰ And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. ⁵¹ And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: **but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart**

Children with the same parents are individuals.

Children with the same parents are each unique.

- Children with the same parents may need different strategies.

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