

Parenting – Mission Impossible: If You Should Choose to Accept It (and You Have!)

I. Introduction

II. Understanding who you are as a parent

A. You are a sinner (Romans 3:10-18; Jeremiah 17:9; Genesis 6:5)

B. You are righteous (2 Corinthians 5:21)

C. You carry the authority of God in the lives of your children (Ephesians 6:1-4)

III. Understanding your children

A. They too are sinners

B. Our tendencies when faced with their sin

1. To ignore them

2. To believe them

3. To excuse them

4. To berate them

IV. Understanding how we relate to them

A. As a parent, not a buddy

B. As a repentant sinner, not a perfect parent

C. With firmness and compassion, not harshness and leniency

D. By identity, not by performance

V. Conclusion