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Michael says

Reading this book with small group (which is comprised of 6 families with young kids). It explores practical ways to lead a family to know & follow Jesus - even when children are very young. [2/5 stars]

Cara Meredith says

This is hand's down the best book on parenting I've read lately. So many nuggets of wisdom from a couple who's been at the gig for 25 years and counting.

Robin Peake says

I was fortunate to be given a free copy of this from the publisher, Lion Hudson

I really enjoyed this, and expected to have resonated deeply with a previous book on how to spend money and time ('Free'). I have just read it at a time when my wife and I have been thinking, how do we parent our 18-month old beyond day-to-day survival, and asking questions like 'What kind of 18-year-old do we want to send out?'

I related easily to the authors, because I basically saw them as better, more developed, more experienced versions of how I orientate myself as a parent. I didn't feel challenged so much as affirmed, and having gleaned ideas about how to develop the family culture I want to - one that is welcoming, which fosters independence in the kids, where family members are decision makers (e.g. developing a family mission statement, sharing your family budget with your kids and inviting ideas about how to allocate your income). You may not like a lot of their ideas (taking minutes of family meetings will be a hard one for me to implement in my home), but many of them resonated easily with me.

My favourite elements were:

- Creating family traditions/memories/experiences (I left with a huge list of new traditions I want to create, and current practices I want to cement)
- Giving children real responsibility in managing the household
- Creating a culture of abundance, not scarcity

I think the structure of the book could use some re-tooling - I found it hard to orientate myself around the way that the chapters were split into different sections, which would benefit from some visuals or consistent sub-titling across chapters to help me know what section this is.

Tracy says

Insightful

I liked a lot of the ideas presented in this book for improving family culture! Some things I am already doing, many things I can still implement!

Margaret Bronson says

Helpful a little overwhelming

I think this book will be a helpful tool to share with others who are trying to figure out what kind of family they want to be/have. It's got a lot of really practical suggestions for great questions to think about and talk through. As a whole though it seemed like too much to do and go over. But, I definitely came away with some things to talk about with my husband!

D.L. Mayfield says

Incredibly practical and balanced. I was waiting for a bit more about how to create rhythms to help our children be more outward focused, but overall it was SO helpful and life-giving and challenged me to really articulate the vision and values I have for my family.

Kristin says

This book was so good that I stopped halfway through reading my library copy of the first chapter, and immediately ordered my own copy online so I could underline, highlight, and mark up the pages.

Stasi says

Great workbook for helping your family think deeply about your purpose and culture.
