

Raising William Wallace

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Grabbing Ahold of the Banister

The beginnings of change

Fact, Faith, and Experience

Post-Modern Parenting Methods

Feeling-Based Parenting

Main Idea:

The Family Revolves Around Baby

The Motto:

Baby, Baby, Baby, Baby, Baby, Baby, Baby (etc.) - Baby-bonding, Baby-breastfeeding, Baby-wearing, Baby-bed-sharing, Baby-preservation-from-all-forms-of-abusive-Biblical-non-baby-centric-parenting-techniques

The End Goal:

The long-range vision of Attachment Parenting is to raise children who will become adults with a highly developed capacity for empathy and connection. It eliminates violence as a means for raising children, and ultimately helps to prevent violence in society as a whole.

(www.attachmentparenting.org)

The Biblical Parenting Method

Fact-Based Parenting

The Main Idea:

The Family Revolves Around Jesus

The Motto:

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus (etc.) - Baby is consecrated unto Jesus, for the Glory of Jesus - Baby is brought into a family and taught how to make Jesus her center, her everything, and her all in all - Baby is trained that she is dearly loved but, loved so much, that she cannot be made the center, cannot be put in charge of the daily schedule, and cannot be the one determining the family's agenda for the day. Baby is lovingly and tenderly informed that the center position of her family is already taken when she arrived. It belongs exclusively to Jesus Christ.

The End Goal:

To train up a child who fears and loves God with all their heart soul mind and strength. A child who is fully given to the purposes of her rightful King Jesus. Her body is surrendered, her life bequeathed, and her future consecrated. The end goal of Biblical parenting is the formation of a life fully yielded to the Person of Jesus Christ, controlled by the Spirit of God, and governed by an immovable and steadfast passion for God's Word.

Compare the End Goals:

Post-Modern Parenting - To prevent violence

Biblical Parenting - to crown Jesus King, to bring Him glory

The Ludy University Game

Unreached

A Game That Changes You and the World Around You

J.M. Berry wrote the legend of Peter Pan for his children, A.A. Milne wrote Winnie the Pooh for his grandson. Similarly, *Unreached* was built for my own six children. However, unlike Berry's and Milne's work, this work was not designed to bring little children into adventures in far away lands of fairies and talking bears, but into the dangers and trials inherent in this very real world into which they are called by their Creator to live with gusto and grace. *Unreached* was not designed with mass-marketing in mind, and absolutely no effort was put into an attempt to make it either sellable or culturally sensitive to the modern system of politically correct values. It simply is what it is. I'm guessing this fact will either cause you to really like it or really NOT like it. Since I'm

commissioned by my Lord to be either hot or cold, I'm happy to have it this way - and to be blazing white hot. You see, I'm of the old-fashioned order. I'm of the love-well, live-tough, die-hard variety of Christian manhood and **it is my vision to train my children into men and women that alter the course of history.** I don't aim small in my parenting nor are my "non-small" goals of the Harvard variety that seeks to make impressive scholars out of my kids. Of course, I'm not against them being the smartest children on planet earth, but **I'm after bigger goals than that. I want them to be built into men and women who can carry impossible weights, bear unbearable burdens, stare danger in the face and laugh, and go anywhere in the world and alter whatever culture they enter into with the power and love of Jesus Christ. Long and short, I'm building my children into missionaries - ones that live every moment as if it were their last and gleefully anticipate their final breath as it will in fact be their first breath of heavenly air in the dear Presence of their King.**

Building Missionaries

Building our Children Different

If you want a different result, don't keep doing the same thing

Introducing the English Bowman

- An English Bowman was not built by accident. He was built on-purpose. And an English Bowman in the 1300 and 1400s England was their great secret of indomitable military strength - able to unleash up to 12 3-foot arrows a minute, shooting them with seemingly supernatural accuracy at lengths of up to 3 football fields, piercing even the most illustrious knight's armor as well as four-foot thick castle doors killing guards standing on the other side.
- The English Bowman of the 1300-1400s England still to this day are considered by Sports Scientists to be one of the most amazing physical specimens of human history. They were the special forces of their day - the elite athletes of war history.

The Building of an English Bowman

- To shoot an English Longbow demanded a lifetime of consistent training and the cultivation of immense strength - the ability to pull weights of up to 200 lbs. To supply perspective, the typical bow today has a pull weight of around 50-60 lbs. To pull a 6ft tall bow with a pull weight of 200 lbs would be considered by many today as simply impossible.
- For a twenty-year-old boy to be prepared to shoot an English Longbow he would need to start training as a little boy.
- The little boy would be taught the proper form and entrusted with a miniature longbow
- All throughout the boy's life, as his strength and ability increased, so would the size of his bow and so would the distance required for him to shoot
- Daily he would need to practice, for the archer's strength isn't just in his physical strength and technique, but also in his intimate familiarity with the movements of "bending the bow." And if he doesn't stay close and familiar with this difficult movement, he immediately loses his effectiveness as an archer.
- If this training was done diligently and right, the little boy would grow up with distinct deformities to his physical body. His left arm would show that he was, in fact, a bowman-in-training. His arm would bulge with muscular irregularity (think Popeye the Sailor), possibly appearing strange and misshapen to those unfamiliar with how the art of archery effects a man's body. As a result, it was obvious to all that saw the lad that he was in training and that he was being groomed for the King's service.

The Training of Heavenly Bowman

- Heavenly bowman are not trained on accident but on purpose
- A Young bowman must be trained often and consistently
- You, as a parent, must accept the fact that your little bowman (or bowgirl) will look funny to the world as a result of this intensive training
- You must realize that he/she is being trained to present his/her life unto the King's military service and that they likely will die in combat

- And you mustn't listen to the overtures of the world around you that will naysay this intensive training

The 3 Principles of our Gospel Training in the Ludy Home

1. Don't ever let a child show irreverence to Spiritual Matters
2. Make it Fun - Bring a Thrill to the Work of Heavenly Obedience
3. Make it a Huge privilege to be entrusted with Spiritual Labor

Ten Things We Do . . . *even though not always very well*

1. "I'm Sorry Nights"
2. The sacred "Audiobook Time"
3. Prayer Nights
4. Daddy Pacing Around the Circle of Six
5. The FitBit Strategy
6. The legendary "Prayer Walks with Daddy"
7. *Unreached* - the Game of Life
8. *Scrapz* - Creative Chronicling of the Adventure
9. The Impossible Prayers
10. The Big Request - The Modern-Day Hobelar

Start by Pumping Gas Right Now

Return home with a vision, and write that vision down

Grab Ahold of ~~the Banister~~ the Savior

And don't let go!