

**Pearls for Parenting**  
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**Inability and Communication II**

Lloyd Pierson: “Anything worth doing is worth doing poorly”

Dan Allender, *How Children Raise Parents*

“Why is so hard to believe that God intends our children to train us just as much as he intends us to train our children? Why is it so inconceivable that God would design a child to be the best qualified human to thwart and shatter a parent’s arrogance and self-righteousness?”

**From Paul Tripp:**

“Parenting is not about exercising power for changes in your children. Parenting is about your humble faithfulness in being willing to participate in God’s work of change for the sake of your children.”

“You have no power whatsoever to change your child.”

Three tools parents wrongly use to try and bring change:

1. Fear
2. Reward
3. Shame and guilt

**Communication II:**

Speaking to the heart — Proverbs 20: 5 *The purpose in a man's heart is like deep water, but a man of understanding will draw it out.*

Intentional:

Drawing them out:

Encouragement:

Dealing with sin:

Speaking from the heart — Proverbs 24:26 *Whoever gives an honest answer kisses the lips.*

Honesty:

Openness:

Confidentiality:

Respectfully: