

**Pearls for Parenting**  
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**Control and Character**

**From Paul Tripp:**

“The goal of parenting is not control of behavior, but rather heart and life change.

1. Your children need to see their sin so they will cry out for God’s mercy.
2. Your children need to understand the nature of sin, so they do not minimize its danger.
3. Your children need to understand that their problem is not with their parents, but with God.
4. Your children need to understand that sin is a nature problem that produces behavior problems.
5. Your children need to understand that since sin is a heart problem, the only solution is a new heart.
6. Your children need to be taught to run to the only place of hope: The forgiving grace of God.

**Character**

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Developing Character:

- The Word of God shaping them
- Suffering
- Not the center of attention
- Modeling character for them
- Prayer
- Encouraging confession and repentance