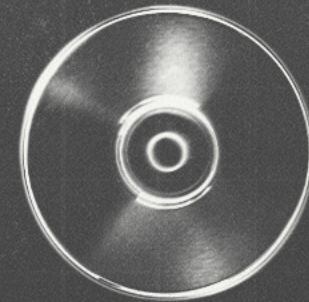


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Don't Fail...FLOP

**PARENTING KIDS WHO ARE
DIFFERENT THAN YOU**



Jeff & Kristie Ward

Families are salad
bowls...not melting
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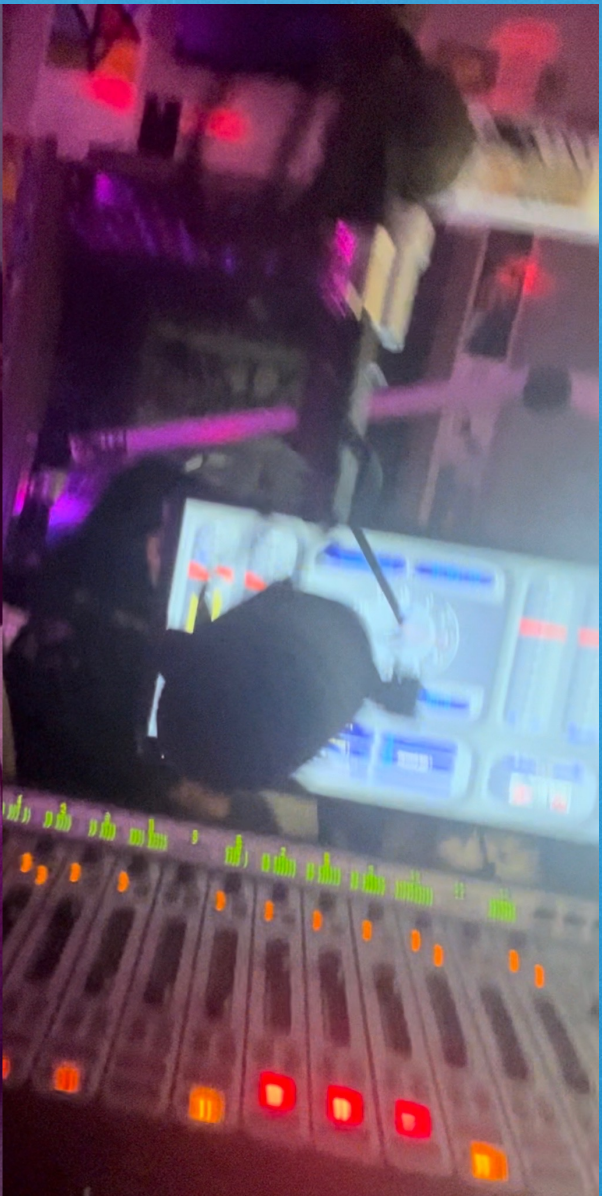
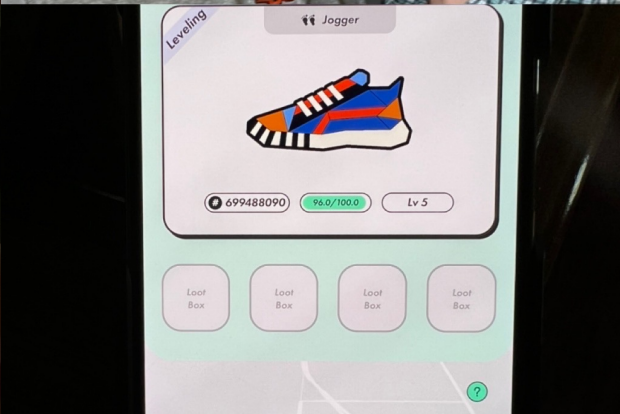
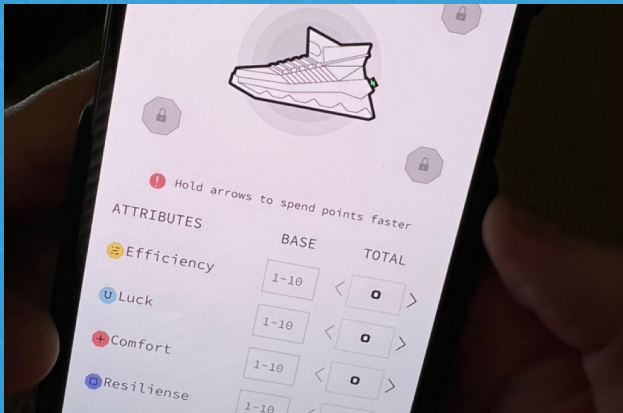
God's Part: Design

Our Part: Shepherd



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F - Flex

- Key Principle: Parenting is all about transitions...be willing to flex both your parenting style and the expectations



F - Flex

(1) Let go of your dreams/expectations and embrace God's design.

- “And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” - Luke 1:38
- Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.” - John 14:27

F - Flex

(2) Don't compare your kids with others. The score card is "faithfulness".

- "And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'" - Matthew 25:22-23



F - Flex

(3) Maintain the relationship

- "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." - Ephesians 4:32
- "For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." – Romans 8:38-39

What do you think?



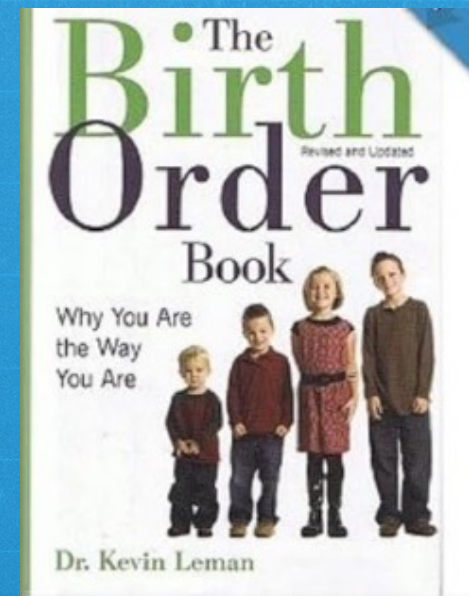
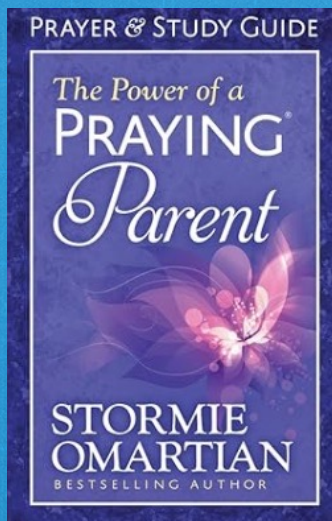
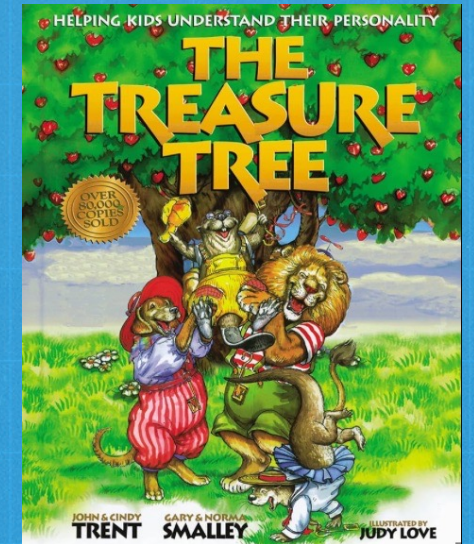
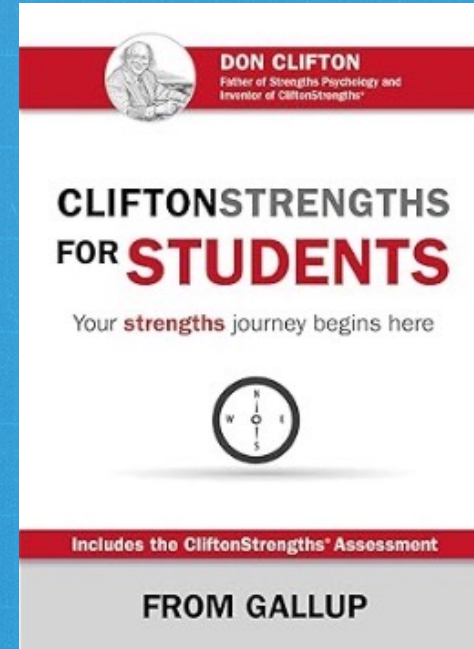
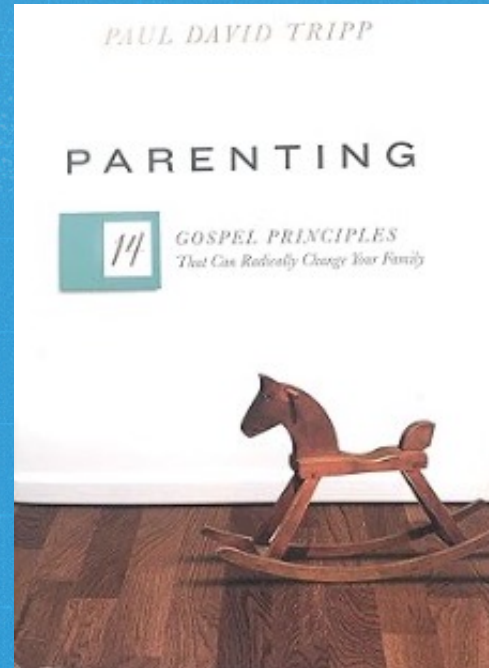
L - Learn

- Key Principle: Become a student of your children.
- “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?” - Luke 2:49

L - Learn

- (1) Share your insights with them - Identify the “positives” and the “challenges” with their wiring.
- "O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether." – Psalm 139:1-4

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L - Learn

- (2) Let community and others speak in as you learn and adjust your parenting.
- “Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.” – Proverbs 13:20

What do you think?

O – Open

- Key principle: Open [different] doors for your kids that advance their learning/awareness.
- “And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.” - Luke 2:52
- Growing like Jesus:
 - in wisdom – making choices based on the truth of God’s Word
 - in relationship to God – loving him with all our heart, soul, mind and strength
 - in relationship to others – loving others as we love ourselves (great command)
- Exposure opportunities and experiences to learn from.



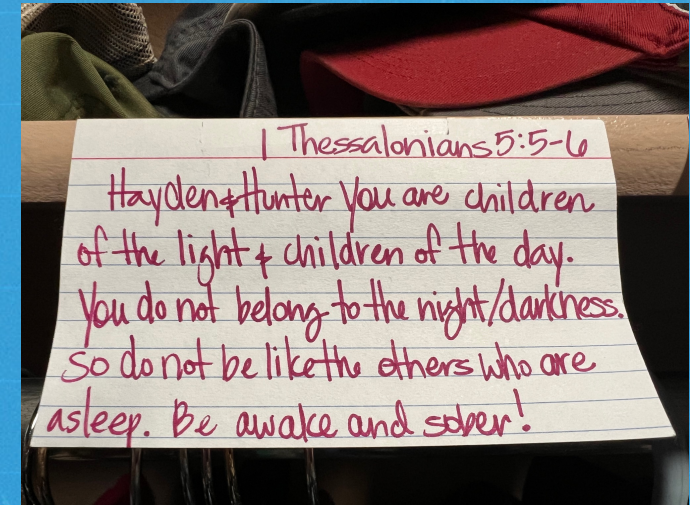


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P - Pray

- Key principle: Your best parenting is done on your knees.
- “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.” – John 10:27
- Pray FOR and WITH your kids. Be a “praying family” not just a “family who prays.”
- Give yourself grace! Remember that God loves you and your kids!



Q&A