

PARENTING FROM OVERFLOW

SECTION 1

Shepherds Who Still Need a Shepherd

As parents, we're both _____ and shepherds.

We're branches who still need the _____.

Children who still need our heavenly _____.

Sheep who still need _____.

John 15:4–5 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Apart from me, you can do _____. - Jesus

Nothing of _____ value.

ABIDE. The Greek word *meno* means: *remain • continue • dwell • stay • make your home.*

John 15:7–8 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

Fruit-bearing lives _____ people and point them to Jesus.

Poor in spirit means a complete absence of pride, a complete absence of self-assurance and self-reliance. It means a consciousness that we are nothing in the presence of God. It is nothing, then, that we can produce; it is nothing that we can do in ourselves. It is just this tremendous awareness of our utter nothingness as we come face to face with God. That is to be poor in spirit. - Martyn Lloyd-Jones

We are _____ in ourselves, but so very _____ in Christ.
(Ephesians 1:3–14)

SECTION 2

What Fills Your Heart Fills Your Home

The gospel isn't that we _____ our way into God's love.
And it's also not God's grace that makes abiding _____.

What your kids need most is _____ in you.

Parent Reflection

What has been overflowing from your heart?

What/Who have you been drawing life from?

SECTION 3

Abide in His Word

John 15:7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

Colossians 2:6 As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him.

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

The Word of Christ is the instrument of Christ, used by the Spirit of Christ, to nurture union with Christ and to transform us into the image of Christ. - Sinclair Ferguson

A. Hunger for God's Word at _____.

The call to love Scripture and be transformed by constant, lifelong engagement with it is a consistent biblical theme from Genesis to Revelation—one that applies to all believers in every time and place. - Matthew Bingham

The Bible is the source that nourishes every other _____.

I. Read _____

II. Read _____

III. Read _____

B. Hunger for God's Word at _____.

One of God's greatest gifts for helping us abide is the weekly gathering of God's people under the _____ of God's Word.

Church is a rich resource for long-term steadiness disguised as a short trip down the road. - Dane Ortlund

One Sunday probably won't transform your parenting, but a lifetime of sitting under _____ preaching will.

SECTION 4

Abide in His Love

John 15:9–10 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

The same _____ and _____ of covenant love the Father has for the Son is now extended to those who are united to the Son.

If you believe God's love rises and falls with _____ performance, you'll live exhausted.

Christ's love is not _____ through obedience, it is _____ through obedience.

The primary calling of a Christian parent is not to become a Bible teacher. It's to become a _____.