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- Intentional
 - Parenting


Week One - A plea for **intentionality** and ownership.
Week Two - Turning your **vision** into a plan.
Week Three - **Initiating** your kids into life and faith.
Week Four – Imparting a **story** that will stick.




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Christianity isn't collapsing, it's being clarified.



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 2. Teach the Christian story as different and revolutionary.
 3. Model it!
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CULTURAL EXEGESIS

1. What is this trying to teach me?
 2. How is this going to form me?
 3. Does the teaching and formation align with Scripture?
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1. Ethics – Is this the right thing to do?
 2. Enjoyment – Will my kid enjoy this?
 3. Achievement – Does this develop my kid toward our goals?
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4. Formation – Who is this forming my kid into?



SOCIAL IMAGINATION



○ Identity – Who am I?

○ Purpose – Why am I here?

○ Morality – What is right and wrong?

○ Worth – What makes me and my life valuable?

○ Salvation – How do I live “the good life”?


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God only knows what [social media] is doing to our children's brains. The thought process that went into building these applications, Facebook being the first of them,




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... was all about: 'How do we consume as much of your time and conscious attention as possible?' And that means that we need to sort of give you a little dopamine hit every once




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in a while, because someone liked or commented on a photo or a post or whatever. And that's going to get you to contribute more content, and that's going to get you...




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more likes and comments. It's a social-validation feedback loop... exactly the kind of thing that a hacker like myself would come up with because you're exploiting a



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vulnerability in human psychology. The inventors, creators — it's me, it's Mark [Zuckerberg], it's Kevin Systrom on Instagram, it's all of these people —



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understood this consciously. And we did it anyway.





The Gospel of Achievement –

The Gospel of Public Approval -

The Gospel of Affluence –

The Gospel of Feelings –

The Gospel of Sex –

The Gospel of America –

The Gospel of Victimhood –

The Gospel of Politics –

The Gospel of Scientific Enlightenment –

The Gospel of Freedom –

“Success is the key to life.”

“Popularity is the key to life.”

“Where you live, what you wear, and how much you have is the key to life.”

“Getting in touch with your inner self is the key to life.”

“Sexual freedom and fluidity is the key to life.”


“Traditional American values are the key to life.”

“Overthrowing all the oppressors is the key to life.”

“The right candidates and legislation are the key to life.”

“Advancing science and technology is the key to life.”

“Individual choice is the key to life.”



Interrogate the culture.

What is this telling me will make me happy? And will it? And for how long?

What is this saying is right or wrong? Does Scripture agree?

Who even made this? And what are they about? And why did they do it?

How much of my time is this taking?

Who is this platforming as a hero or role model or a villain?


Is this cultivating rage and hate towards others?


Is it focusing my attention on things largely out of my control?

Is it anxiety inducing? Fear inducing?

Does this make me a better spouse? Parent? Friend?

Does this make me more like Jesus?

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You can't control what your kids will believe about God,
but you can control what they will believe about you.

