



Welcome to
Raising Daughters of the King
Princesses that bring Honor to their Royal Father

This publication has been a work in progress since the year 2000, when all four of my daughters had the same teacher for different classes. Every time he saw me, he asked if we had written our book yet on how to raise amazing kids.

Well, several years have passed since then, even a period of time that blessed us with four teenage girls at once. We experienced many struggles that girls living in this difficult time encounter. They vary from turning a learning disability into a strength, a tragic loss of best friends, challenging relationships, and so much more, and still we have been asked, “*Where’s the book?*”

Well, here is the beginning – in your hand is a taste of our newsletter along with the promise of more to come with the hint of a book and a website in the near future.

If you think it is interesting and you accept that it will not fit everyone’s needs but may have a few good ideas that you can tweak and implement in your home, then you may wish to add your name to the list of other newsletter subscribers.

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Coach's Corner

I believe beyond a shadow of a doubt that God chose you specifically to raise your specific child/children. He didn't choose me, or your sister, or some expert. He chose YOU because you are the BEST Mommy on this planet to raise the life or lives He has placed in your home (whether by birth, adoption, or fostering). He promised that is the truth. *Philippians 4:19 – And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.* I love that verse! It tells me (as does *James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that gives to all men liberally, and upbraids not; and it shall be given him.*) that God will give me the wisdom I need and the helps I need and the patience, etc. to raise my children.

But, oh what a glorious realization and how freeing for me when I realized that this promise is to our children also. One day, your children will be hit with the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and they will believe on Him and that will give them the power to be made the children of God. His promises are to those children, after but also *before* their birth into His family. He gave them exactly what they needed. He gave them the exact parents they need. Even when we feel like we have failed them, God is still faithful to have placed them in the right home with the right parents. He will give YOU (not me or experts, etc.) the wisdom to raise that child into the man or woman of God that He intended when He knit (Psalm 139:13-16) their parts together in the womb.

Yes, He will place amazing Godly men and women (and their books) in your life to help you find the answers and tried and true suggestions. But, some of those will simply not work for you and your little baby. God wants you to read and research and ask questions – and go to Him. Use the advice that seems good to you. Listen to the still small voice of the Holy Spirit as you read and search for answers. But remember that if all advice worked, we wouldn't need to seek God. We'd follow the owner's manual, and all would turn out easy and successful without glitches – and we would lose out on the *privilege to seek* – incredibly amazing –and FIND the Living God who created all of the universe and so much more.

This is truly His plan. Not to let that precious baby be simple, and not let parenting be a breeze, but rather to let that precious baby and the hard job of parenting be the path that leads you as you continue into a walk with the MOST High God. WOW! What a gift! What a treasure! Why would such a great God ever care if I loved Him or sought Him? Understanding that is beyond our finite minds! But nevertheless, true. He desires you to seek Him. In that seeking, He is honored and pleased. And in that seeking, we are changed and He is found.

Other than the magnificence of the above, He simply wants you to know that you are unique and not every schedule or plan written about in books will work for you. *You are not failing or doing something wrong.* You are simply being like me – unique and not fitting into the molds that some babies and some moms fit into. That is not to say they are less than you. It is simply to say that you find strategies that seem to fit your personality and your family's lifestyle, and then bend them to fit how you feel led. You don't have to re-invent the wheel. People have worked hard to make things easier for you (and me). Accept that gift, but always keep your heart alert to the Holy Spirit as He guides you in this amazing path!

A Game Plan

Your child may not be perfect....neither are mine. Here is one small help on how to train external behavior while allowing God to work on the motivation of the heart. I'm so thankful that God gives us unconditional love for our imperfect children just as He has towards us – His imperfect children. If you would like to increase the “likability” of your child, here are a few practical suggestions.

Pick one positive behavior that you would like to help your child make into a habit or one unpleasant behavior that you would like to help your child lose. Focus on one small step at a time – but, by all means, keep an eye on any new potential habits before they are learned – unless you like working on habits continually! (A job-security kind of thing! LOL) Once you've identified the behavior, the *picnic* begins.

P - positive
I - immediate
C - certain
N - negative
I - immediate
C - certain

If you want to increase a behavior, like saying ‘thank you,’ you reward it with something positive *immediately* when the behavior occurs and *every time* it occurs.

If you want to decrease a behavior, like whining, you “reward” it with something negative *immediately, every time* it occurs. (Rewards can be reduced after the habit is established.)