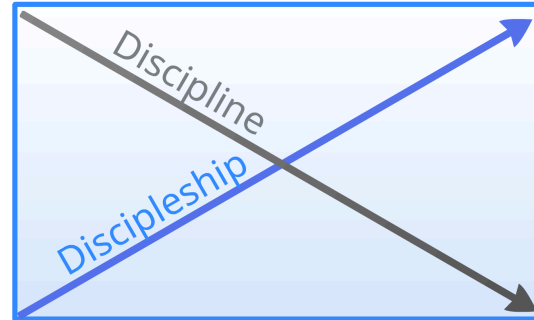


## How to Help Your Children Become Self-Motivated

### Foundations

- God has given parents the responsibility and authority to discipline and disciple their children (Eph 6:4).
- Parenting should move from discipline to discipleship, from external motivation to internal motivation (Prov 13:24; Prov 23:26).
- The ultimate goal for parents is to raise mature, Christ loving believers (Deut 6:4-9).



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1. Pray for your children to surrender their hearts to Christ (Eph 3:14-21).
2. Teach your children truth from God's Word (Psalm 19:7-11).
3. Teach your children God's purpose for life and how everything we do fits into it (Deut 6:4-9).
4. Encourage and affirm your children (1 Thess 2:11-12).
5. Offer new responsibility and freedom in response to obedience and respect (Matt 25:14-30).
6. Correction can take the form of discipleship, instead of discipline, when there is respect and teachability (Psalm 25:8-15; 32:8-9).
7. Give freedom to make their own choices so they can develop conviction (Heb 5:14).
8. Help your children discover their gifts, talents, and interests and free and equip your children to pursue them (Eph 4:7, 11-12).