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By improving the way we, as parents, interact with our children, we can improve their behavior. Thus the importance of "being of good cheer"; of what we say and how we say it; of creating a safe, noncoercive environment in the home where children are taught not only good behavior but also good values. Dr. Latham's suggestions are simple, scriptural, and amazingly effective. Parents have used his unique combination of Christian principles and behavioral science to handle everything from backtalk and profanity to children who threaten violence - and the results have been described as miraculous.

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Becky Littlefield says

I have mixed feelings about this book. I almost need to read it again to reevaluate my first impressions of the it. I did not find it to be a completely engaging read. I found myself skimming some of the dialogue, which I found to be a little cheesy and unrealistic. I actually found myself chuckling as I read some of the scenarios and solutions and even found myself saying aloud a few times "This would never work!" However, imagine my surprise as I incorporated some of the ideas into my parenting and found that they worked . . . even the cheesy dialogue! This book contains some very sound principles and I appreciated the insightful perspective on how to ways to parent in a more Christlike way.

Missy says

I liked and didn't like this book. There were some definite things about his logic that I didn't agree with. For example he doesn't agree with any type of coercion he thinks that natural consequences should apply. In the book he talks about a possible violent child, he doesn't think that you should do anything but state that you will call the police if the child becomes violent and then only defend yourself and ask the child to go to his bedroom until he calms down. Well if the child becomes violent and the police do come what, the police will use the threat of violence (guns, batons, etc) to get the child to come with them. Isn't that coercion? Another example of a young child who bites his mother the author states that the mother should just walk away therefore depriving the child of any attention, not practical and in my experience doesn't work, what if you are at the store or a thousand other places that it isn't safe to just leave a child. I feel age appropriate discipline would work better at least in my case. He definitely states that "physical violence" isn't Christlike and that it may solve something temporarily but only makes things worse in the long term. He quotes several scriptures to back that up. I agree most of the time but believe that at times more than just ignoring the behavior is needed. There are several scripture references to "violent" acts such as when Nephi cut off Labians head to save a nation. Now don't think I am in any way advocating killing of any kind, just pointing out what I feel are his problems with his logic.

What I liked is I believe that everyone can become a better parent work on showing more love kindness and charity to different members of are family. He kept the book very Christian instead of LDS and I thought that was great and hope other people are inspired to be better parents by following Christ's example. He advocated more prayer always a plus. One thing I have tried to implement each night from reading this book is to tell each of my kids how much I love them and then recognize something they did that I thought was good such as put away their toys and tell them thank you. I would and plan to read it again since it did contain huge amounts of information. I also would recommend it.

Last the dialogue between characters in his examples are really really cheesy and I think would just upset a already upset teenager more but that is just my opinion since I don't have teenagers. Happy parent reading!

Erika Morris Christensen says

My son is only 3 and there have already been so many times that I have been completely at a loss or felt helpless to his behaviors (first time Mom over here ??) This book has given me so many tools to use when dealing with undesirable behavior and, more importantly as I've learned, good behavior! Not only have I already seen a massive difference in his behavior, I am experiencing so much more joy in parenting my kids!

Lyndsi says

Great book, just geared more towards parents with older children (teenagers), however, I can still apply a lot to our 4 year old and use it for FUTURE reference. Great read

Carolyn says

Wonderful book!! Wonderful advice!!

Anne says

BEST parenting book I've ever read. Gives you a completely new perspective and outlook on parenting and helps you relate to your children in a Christ-like manner. Appropriate for all ages, but especially helpful for parents of teens.

Wendee says

Excellent application of principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to parenting and the way we treat our children. I read this when my oldest two were little, but it's been helpful to read it again and remember concrete ways to put the gospel into practice in my own home. After all, how can I possibly teach them to be Christlike unless I strive to be that with them?

He raises the question, "How would you like your grandchildren to be treated?" Because likely your children will treat them the same way you treat your children. Vision like that is so helpful in motivating a change of behavior. Besides the fact that I want what's best for my kids, my influence does not end there. The lessons I teach now, mostly through my example, will most likely continue through the generations. That kind of perspective is imperative in raising children, or rather raising adults. :)

Every parent needs to take a trip with Glenn Latham, through his examples in the pages of this book. His wisdom can help in any family situation, because it is truly the love of Christ put into action in everyday, as well as serious, situations. Truth is truth. And truth applied is wisdom and promotes freedom.

Samantha says

I was recommended this book through a past college course and finally got around to reading it. I've read many other books on parenting but I think this was my favorite. This book would make a good parent better and can help the struggling parent find peace. All religious associations aside, this book is a great parent resource.

Katie says

Truly enjoyed the concepts presented in this book. I have always felt a connection with behavioral therapy. As a behavioral science major myself, I found so many of these concepts applicable in the home and in my work with youth. Helping our children understand consequences and behaviors and seeing past the mouse have helped me to love my children better, especially as our family engages the teenage years.

Elizabeth Lang says

Very helpful, and I think I'll need to re-read it a few times. However, I wanted more information (not because he wasn't clear, but because I need to process it a little better) so I ordered another one of his books.

Annie says

This is a book I like to have around to read once every week or two. As I am getting my start in my outlook and habits as a disciplinarian, I need to constantly remind myself to be positive, focus on all the good my children are doing, teach them to think, and respect them for their thoughts.

Something this book taught me that I really like is to compliment my children on their character, instead of just their actions. So if Melia shares with Sophie when it is difficult to, I say something like, "you are a very giving person, Melia" or "you are nice to your sister and want to show your love for her, don't you?" instead of just "good job sharing!" This kind of compliment reaches much deeper and helps her to be more intrinsically motivated.

this guy is lds I think. He references so many old and current christian sources, which is wonderful. principles learned here apply to all the years of parenting, from start to finish. It aims to meet the promise of the title: christlike parenting. It is more than "taking the pain out of parenting" though. It is "practical day to day advice for having the gospel and the spirit dictate how you lead your children."

Sheralie says

Upon my first reading, I didn't believe it would work. Simply be a better person, Christlike and smiling? Kindly repeat requests? Don't wallow in my parenting mistakes? I gave it a go to see what might happen.

And . .

It transformed my parenting. It requires occasional re-reading. I can't recommend highly enough. It has taught me to teach by values constantly and love, love, love. Thanks to my husband for the great gift.

Kelly says

This is a scripturally based perspective of things I learned from Dr. Latham's book *The Power of Positive Parenting*. They both teach good principles and techniques for parents and any person that interacts with any other person really. I'm always glad for the reminder and squirm when I come across my own bad habits illustrated in the book.

Jodi says

One of the main themes I got from the book was to focus on the positive things our children do rather than on the negative things which we so easily pick on. Even in the midst of a negative situation....there is always something positive that can be found and shown/told to the child. I found another book dealing with positive discipline to be more helpful in some ways because it gave very specific ideas to use on very specific situations that arise when raising children. (There is another Glenn Latham book on this subject.)

This book was more general and there were some sections that did not apply to our situation...yet anyway (teenager, young adult stuff).

Obviously the main theme of the book was how we should be more Christlike in our parenting, and a lot of scriptural references were given to help with this concept. It gave me a renewed effort in changing how I deal with my children and that in every situation I need to think "How would Christ deal with this situation"? Really it is about building the child's self-esteem and helping them to know that they are loved no matter what their choices may be or the consequences that they must face. All the negative things we say to them will have the opposite affect!

Molly says

I thought this had some great insight into parenting. I love his ideas about how our attitudes really do affect our children (ain't mom happy, ain't nobody happy). This was something I really needed to read at this very moment.
