

MODULE 7 — PROPER PARENTING MATTERS

LEGACY PARENTING

Raising Children Who Leave Home Ready — Spiritually, Emotionally, and Practically

TOOL 7 — Your Legacy Parenting Blueprint

PART 1 — YOUR LEGACY VISION

Every parent is building a legacy — intentionally or by accident. The questions below force you to think past the daily noise and ask the most important question in parenting: what kind of adult am I building right now?

1. When my child leaves home, what three qualities must they carry with them?

2. What generational pattern in my family ends with me — starting now?

3. What spiritual legacy am I intentionally passing to my child?

4. What does my child currently believe about themselves because of me?

PART 2 — LAUNCH READINESS AUDIT

Is your child on track to leave home ready? Rate each area 1 (not started) to 5 (well developed) based on where your child is right now — not where you hope they will be.

READINESS AREA	WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE	1-5
Spiritual foundation	Personal faith, prayer life, biblical worldview — not just church attendance	
Emotional maturity	Self-regulation, resilience, handles disappointment without collapse	
Relational health	Resolves conflict well, maintains healthy friendships, communicates clearly	
Practical life skills	Can cook, clean, manage time, do laundry, and handle basic adult tasks	
Financial literacy	Understands earning, giving, saving, budgeting, and avoiding debt	
Work ethic and responsibility	Shows up, follows through, finishes what they start — without being chased	
Identity and purpose	Knows who they are, what they believe, and what they are here for	

TOTAL: _____ / 35 28-35 = On track. 18-27 = Intentional development needed. Below 18 = Start immediately.

PART 3 — PRACTICAL LIFE SKILLS TRACKER

Your child should not leave your home helpless. These are the non-negotiable practical skills every young adult needs. Mark each skill: T (Taught), P (In Progress), or N (Not yet started).

SKILL CATEGORY	SPECIFIC SKILLS	T/P/N
Home & Food	Cook 5+ meals, grocery shop on a budget, clean and maintain a home	
Financial	Build a budget, open a bank account, understand credit, give regularly	
Health	Book a doctor's appointment, manage medication, basic first aid	
Work & Time	Write a resumé, show up on time, meet deadlines, handle criticism	
Relationships	Apologize well, set boundaries, resolve conflict without drama	
Faith	Pray independently, read Scripture, find and join a church community	
Technology	Manage email professionally, protect privacy, use tools productively	

PART 4 — FAITH TRANSFER PLAN

Faith must be transferred — not assumed. A child raised in church is not automatically a child with faith. Check what is currently active in your home. Every unchecked box is a gap in your child's spiritual foundation.

We pray together as a family regularly	We serve others together as a family
My child sees me read Scripture personally	My child knows what they believe and why
We discuss faith in ordinary conversation — not just at church	I have shared my personal testimony with my child
My child has their own prayer life — not just mine	My child is connected to a faith community beyond our home
We talk openly about doubt, questions, and real faith	We model repentance and forgiveness in the home

How many did you check? _____ / 10 The unchecked boxes are your faith parenting priorities for this season.

PART 5 — GENERATIONAL PATTERN BREAKER

The legacy you received is the legacy you will unconsciously pass on — unless you make a deliberate decision to do otherwise. Identify which patterns you are breaking and which you are building.

AREA	PATTERN I RECEIVED	PATTERN I AM BUILDING
Relationship with money and finances		
How conflict was handled in the home		
Expression of love and affirmation		
Faith and spiritual practice		
Work ethic and responsibility modeled		
How failure and mistakes were treated		

PART 6 — YOUR LEGACY ACTION PLAN

The one practical skill I will begin teaching my child this month:

The faith practice I will add to our home routine starting this week:

The generational pattern that ends with me — and what replaces it:

How I will shift my relationship with my child as they mature toward launch:

LEGACY DECLARATION

I am not just raising a child — I am shaping a legacy. Every decision I make today is an investment in who my child will be twenty years from now. I commit to parenting with the end in mind — spiritually, emotionally, and practically — so that when they leave, they are truly ready.

Parent / Couple Signature

Date