**Pearls for Parenting**

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**Foolishness and Motivation**

**From Paul Tripp:**

“The foolishness inside your children is more dangerous to them than the temptation outside of them. Only God’s grace has the power to rescue fools.”

Prov 4:23 *Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life*.

Prov 22:15 *Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him*.

How to parent a fool: we are better law enforcers than grace extenders

* 1. Introduce them to a greater glory
	2. Looking for wisdom moments
	3. Tell the story of the person and work of Jesus
	4. Extend a welcome to confess their foolishness

**Motivation—How not to:**

Ephesians 6:4 *Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord*.

Exasperating—(irritate intensely, infuriate, provoke) Children stop trying and they feel resentment

 1. Constant correction

 2. Shaming

 3. Manipulating

 4. Feeding fear

 5. Feeding pride

 6. Condescending

 7. Contracts- written or unspoken