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2. How does our culture encourage doing things for our children? What are ways we focus on the "doing" rather than the relationship with the Father?
3. Read Hebrews 12:1-3. How do we know if we are focusing on the "doing" and the "rescuing"?
4. Read John 15:5, James 5:13-16, 1 John 5:14-15, and Matthew 7:7-8. Why should prayer be our first go-to and priority rather than getting out and making things happen?
5. How is quiet time with God a part of parenting? What would it look like to prioritize praying for our kids' relationship with God over doing things for them?
6. How can you experience the gift of prayer this week? What do you need to do to give the gift of praying for others?

Action Step:

Give and experience the gift of prayer this week by praying each day for a Fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, kindness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). Pray this for someone else as well as yourself.



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