

## **Parenting as Christ's Ambassadors**

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### **The Special Needs Parent**

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- I. Introduction
  - A. Definition of Special Needs for the context of the class: "Children born or with developed physical, emotional, cognitive disabilities"
  - B. Prevalence of Special Needs in the Community
  - C. Understanding the effect of Special Needs within the Context of the Family
  - D. Importance of Special Needs as a Topic
- II. Three Principles for the Special Needs Parent
  - A. Christ our Hope, not Results (1 Peter 2:21-25)
  - B. Under God's Sovereignty not the American (1 Peter 5:6-7)
  - C. Scripture our Primary Manual, Extra Biblical Instruction Second (Ps. 19:7-11; 2 Tim 3:16)
- III. Three Principles for Parenting the Special Needs Child
  - A. Formal/Informal Instruction as our Mandate, Regardless of its difficulty (Deut. 6:4-9)

B. Correction/Discipline as a means to be Faithful and show the Consequences of Sin (Prov. 13:24; Eph. 6:4)

C. Love and Service as a Context for family life and Disability (Phil. 2:5-11)

IV. Conclusion