

DEFINING THE ENDGAME

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Bobby Fisher, chess grandmaster, regarded as one of the best ever, played ten games at once because he always knew the endgame. Every player had a different rhythm, a different style of play, but it mattered not because Bobby was able to figure out the player's strategy.

- The demanding child
- The explosive child
- The selfish child
- The self-defeating child
- The free-spirit child

Regardless of the child, Parents must have an endgame. We all have one, but most of us have never stop to articulate what it is. The three main areas Parents want to help when it comes to their children are...

- **Changing My Child's Feelings**
- **Changing My Child's Behavior**
- **Changing My Child's Heart**

We want to equip parents...

Our job as parents is not to convict them of sin or guilt them into an appearance of right behavior. Our purpose is simple. It is the execution that is complex. **“Our job is to speak truth, walk in truth, and model truth so the Holy Spirit can do His job of convicting, correcting, and transforming.”**

Sometimes the reason we try to control the situation is because we don't like the fact that our child has to face the situation. We don't like them to have knowledge of certain things. We resist acknowledging that they aren't five or twelve or eighteen any longer.

God is not asking you to be your child's savior or conscience. He does not expect you to redeem their past, cover their sin, or cleanse their heart. **He is only asking you to be their parent.**

Scripture References: 2 Corinthians 3:18, Acts 15:8, Ezekiel 36:25-28