

## Keeping the Gospel Central

Introduction - *this talk is meant to be extremely practical. I would encourage you to memorize and implement the four steps to keeping the gospel central. Here are four introductory comments to get started:*

A. \_\_\_\_\_ Blinds and Deceives (Romans 7:11).

- “A question pricks the conscience an accusation hardens the will.”

B. \_\_\_\_\_ must be the target of our parenting (Proverbs 4:23; Luke 6:43-45; Matthew 15:8-9).

C. The Scriptures are \_\_\_\_\_ for the task of reaching the heart of your children (Psalm 19:7-9; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 119:130).

D. Your child's greatest need is \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 16:26).

4 Steps to Keeping the Gospel Central - Taken from Tedd Tripp's *Shepherding a Child's Heart* Video Series

1. Help Child Discern \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 3:12-13).

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

e. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Use Scripture to address \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 4:12-13).

3. Move to themes of \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 4:14-16).

*“As we help people see the gravity of their sin, we must also comfort them with the fact that Christ’s work has satisfied God’s anger. People need to hear the comfort of the gospel again and again. They need to be reminded of who they are in Christ and what they have received in His life, death, and resurrection . . . Self-examination and confession flow out of a deep confidence that Christ’s work is effective for me today” (Paul Tripp, Instruments in the Redeemer’s Hands pg. 215).*

4. \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 12:11-12)

## Conclusion

Priorities – “A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child” (Forest Witcraft).

