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**WEEK 5: SHEPHERDING A CHILD'S HEART BY TEDD TRIPP**

Encouraging your child to develop an obedient spirit within is part of an essential foundation for successful homeschooling. I'm not an expert, so....

Tedd Tripp's book *Shepherding a Child's Heart* is full of BIBLICAL wisdom. Whom to trust? Psychology experts or God??

First section of the book lays the foundation, including your child as a worshipper and thoughts on authority.

Then he points out what doesn't work. If a method is only concerned with outward appearances, it won't address issues of the heart, which is where behavior actually starts.

Next he develops a broad understanding of what DOES work in child-training— communication paired with proper use of “the rod.”

Finally, he gives specific insights into each stage of childhood and how child-training changes with each stage.

I highly recommended this book, BUT every parent is still responsible to God for what they read, how they interpret it, and how it is applied in their situation. Often when I read a book, I digest it slowly and ask God to show me how to apply what I'm learning to our unique family and situation. Do not blindly accept advice from anyone. Not even me. :-)

On Week 9, we will be discussing *For the Children's Sake* by Susan Schaeffer Macaulay. See the link in the comments for ordering information from Amazon, which will benefit me as an Amazon affiliate.