

Parenting Grace

Remember...

1. Seek the approval of God first.
2. Ask yourself, "What are my expectations? Are they realistic?"
3. Remember what God has already provided through His grace.

I don't need the approval of others to be worthy. I already have God's approval because of what Jesus has done for me and in me.

"If we take our meaning in life from our family, our work, a cause, or some achievement other than God, they enslave us."
Jim Keller

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.
Ephesians 2:8-9

The house is a mess. I have no plans for dinner. The kids are out of control.

Breathe.

God still loves me in this moment absolutely and completely.

Realistic expectations come from focusing on what's already been provided by God.



This is my child, who I love completely. This is my daughter, and I am preparing her a heavenly home.
 - God

Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.
Galatians 1:10



Lord, help me to seek your approval in my parenting, and to look to you first in my decision making. Remind me often to lift my children up to you in prayer, and to encourage the unique gifts you've given my children. And, at the end of my life, may I look into Your eyes and hear you say, "Well done."

