

Unless the Lord Builds the House

Our friends are building a house. They've poured the foundation and are excited about watching the project grow. And we're excited for them.

Building a house and raising children have a lot of similarities. It only succeeds if you begin with the end in mind.

In parenting, **YOU** are the general contractor. There are a lot of subcontractors, too: grandparents, family, friends, teachers, Bible class teachers, preachers, elders, coaches and others who will have periodic and temporary responsibility for your child's life development. However, as the general contractor, **YOU** are in charge of the subcontractors to make sure they do their job and help you keep the project on track.

Sadly, some parents have no plan for raising their kids to become responsible adults. Yet, **YOU** (general contractor) build the adults everyone else will deal with. You have them for eighteen years as children, the rest of the world has them for the next sixty years. Your few years at the beginning create the person they become as adults.

I know. There are exceptions. Problem is, we focus more on the exceptions than we do the rule. If you doubt that, post something about parenting and watch the comments that fall beneath the umbrella. I'm not sure how some read the book of **Proverbs**.

Some parents do their job well; others are sloppy. But, make no mistake, **YOU** are the general contractor. One more thing, **GOD** is your architect. Stick to His blueprints and your home will be solid.

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