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A CULTURE OF BROKENNESS

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What is the good life?

THE COMPLETE FIRST SEASON

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The Good Place

Everything is fine.



What is a good parent?

Western parenting culture is now dominated by a parenting philosophy that I call impossible parenting. Impossible parenting is rooted in the core concepts of intensive mothering that demand child-centered families, research-based decisions, and continuous responsiveness. But now that is no longer enough, and parents are also expected to obsess over health and risk aversion, hyperfocus their attention on psychological outcomes, and ensure everyone experiences gratitude and joy along the way. And all of it must be demonstrated on social media, because in many ways parenting has become a lifestyle brand that aligns with whatever community subculture you want to belong to, such as attachment parents, free-range parents, tiger parents, or feminist parents.

Olivia Scobie

Six Core Values of Impossible Parenting:

- 1. The more you sacrifice, the more you love**
- 2. Invest up front, be rewarded later**
- 3. Danger is all around us - stay vigilant**
- 4. Keep it natural**
- 5. Prescribed self-care**
- 6. Make every moment magical**

**GOODNESS IN A
CULTURE OF BROKENNESS**

***Agathosyne*: the good and beautiful**

**Goodness is that which is aligned with
God's heart for flourishing.**

God is Good and He Does Good

There is none good except God alone.

Matthew 19:17

He said, “I will cause all My goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim the name Yahweh before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.”

Exodus 33:18-19

You are good, and You do what is good.

Psalm 119:68

The Rock—His work is perfect; all His ways are entirely just. A faithful God, without prejudice, He is righteous and true.

Deuteronomy 32:4

Integrity & Beauty

The biblical vision for the flourishing of our lives, lived fully under God's love, includes the beautiful...Our failure is not that we chose earth over heaven: it is that we fail to see the divine in the earth, already active and working, pouring forth grace and spilling glory into our lives. Artists, whether they are professed believers or not, tap into this grace and glory. There is a "terrible beauty" operating throughout creation. If Christ announced his post-resurrection reality into the darkness, even into hell, as the Bible and Christian catechism suggests, then, as theologian Abraham Kuyper put it, there is not one inch of earth that Christ does not call "Mine!"

Makoto Fujimura

Jesus went about doing good

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were under the tyranny of the Devil, because God was with Him.

Acts 10:38

It is quite striking that virtually all of the basic words describing salvation in the Bible imply a return to an originally good state or situation.

Al Wolters

**Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil
with good.**

Romans 12:21

Goodness is that which is aligned with God's heart for restoring people, places, and institutions back to flourishing.

CULTIVATING GOODNESS

A good tree doesn't produce bad fruit; on the other hand, a bad tree doesn't produce good fruit. For each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs aren't gathered from thornbushes, or grapes picked from a bramble bush. A good man produces good out of the good storeroom of his heart. An evil man produces evil out of the evil storeroom, for his mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart.

Luke 6:43-45

Being Good

For I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do what is good is with me, but there is no ability to do it. For I do not do the good that I want to do, but I practice the evil that I do not want to do.

Romans 7:18-19

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Psalm 34:8

**I am certain that I will see the LORD's
goodness in the land of the living.**

Psalm 27:13

Doing Good

For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift—not from works, so that no one can boast. For we are His creation, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time so that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:8-10

You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16

Beloved brethren, we are philosophers not in words but in deeds; we exhibit our wisdom not by our dress, but by truth; we know virtues by their practice rather than through boasting of them; we do not speak great things but we live them.

Cyprian

Discerning the Good

For some of us, discernment carries a defensive connotation; we see it as a protection mechanism, a shield against the threats of a dangerous world. But in broader usage, discernment simply means developing a taste for what's good. It's developing an instinct for quality, a refined sensibility, an eye for value - to know the difference between what's good and what's not in order to partake of the good...the goal of discernment is not simply to avoid the evil in this life; it is to learn what is good so that we might embrace and enjoy it.

Hannah Anderson

Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:1-2

Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable—if there is any moral excellence and if there is any praise—dwell on these things.

Philippians 4:8

What is Good?
Celebrate and Cultivate

Restoring What's Broken

What is Wrong?
Stop & Confront

What is Confused?
Clarify and Compel

What is Missing?
Create and Catalyze