

# Quotations supporting Shepherd Parenting

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Gordon B. Hinckley, Commencement Address, Brigham Young University 27 April 1995

"Cultivate within them a taste for the best. While they are very young, read to them the great stories which have become immortal because of the virtues they teach. Expose them to good books. Let there be a corner somewhere in your house, be it ever so small, where they will see at least a few books of the kind upon which great minds have been nourished."

Gordon B. Hinckley, First Presidency Message "In Opposition to Evil," Ensign, Sep 2004, 2B6

"Parents, work at the matter of creating an exciting atmosphere in your homes. Let your children be exposed to great minds, great ideas, everlasting truth, and those things which will build and motivate for good."

"Parents Counseled in Fireside," Ensign, Apr. 1985, 75B76

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"What, you may ask, can be done? The observance of four simple things on the part of parents would in a generation or two turn our societies around in terms of their moral values. They are simply these: Let parents and children (1) teach and learn goodness together, (2) work together, (3) read good books together, and (4) pray together."

(Four Simple Things to Help Our Family and Nations, First Presidency Message June 1996)

"You cannot expect to do it alone. You need heaven's help in rearing heaven's child, your child."

Gordon B. Hinckley, "Bring Up a Child in the Way He Should Go," Ensign, Nov 1993, 54