



## **Important New Parenting Book: Christianity's Future Depends On The Spiritual Development Of Our Children** *Raising a Child Who Prays*

Dr. David D. Ireland Pens The Ultimate Spiritual Training Guide For Parents

**"In his latest book, *Raising a Child Who Prays*, Dr. David Ireland not only equips you to pray, he teaches you to teach your children to pray."** —*Susie Larson, National Speaker, Talk Radio Host, Author of Your Powerful Prayers*

NEW YORK, NY (June 15, 2016) – It seems that every other day, a new report or study reveals that Americans are becoming less religious and a growing number are abandoning their Christian faith. In his new book, *Raising a Child Who Prays: Teaching Your Family the Power of Prayer* (Charisma Media/Charisma House Book Group/August 2, 2016), Dr. David D. Ireland writes how the most important legacy a parent can leave their children is that of faith in God.

Ireland is the founder and senior pastor of Christ Church, a thriving 8,000-member multi-site and multi-racial congregation, situated outside New York City, in northern New Jersey. In addition to being an author and pastor, Ireland is a diversity consultant to the National Basketball Association, who for nearly 30 years has coached leaders all over the world in organizations, churches, government agencies, and universities.

*Raising a Child Who Prays* is the follow-up to Ireland's 2015 release, *The Weapon of Prayer*, an in-depth spiritual training guide to mastering the greatest weapon in one's arsenal.

In *Raising a Child Who Prays*, Ireland addresses how vital prayer is to attaining a flourishing Christian life, while providing a framework for parents to elevate their own prayer life and establish a culture of prayer in the home.

Ireland cites the International Bible Society's report that 85 percent of people who become Christ-followers do so between the age of four and fourteen, also known as the "4/14 Window." According to Ireland, "If Christianity is to maintain its global presence to future generations, we must place a heavy emphasis on the spiritual development of our children."

To some parents, the concept of teaching their children how to pray can be intimidating, but Ireland demonstrates that it is a coachable skill. "I wrote this book as a parental guide. I want to come alongside parents and grandparents to demystify prayer, encourage them, and provide helpful how-to tips as they raise their children to pray," writes Ireland.

*Raising a Child Who Prays* provides practical parenting tips, easy-to-do action steps at the end of each chapter, simple prayers, and prayer exercises any parent and child can do together. In addition, Ireland helps to answer the following questions:

- What do I need to grow spiritually and be a better role model?
- How can I pray for my kids more effectively?
- How do children develop spiritually?
- How can I teach my kids how to pray?
- What does a healthy prayer life look like for a child?
- How can I make sure my prayer lessons will grow with them?

“This may be the most important parenting book you’ll ever read,” writes Ireland. “There is no greater gift you can give to your child than to instill strong prayer habits that will last a lifetime.”

*Raising a Child Who Prays* will be published August 2, 2016 by Charisma House.

**About the Author:**

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