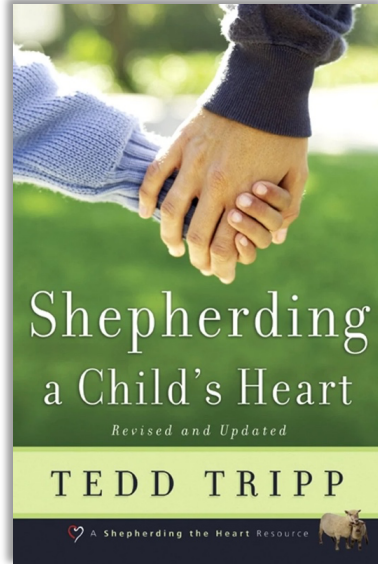


book of the month | June 2026

Shepherding a Child's Heart Tedd Tripp

Suggested One-Month Reading Plan

Preface to Second Edition, 2 pages	Preface to First Edition, 2 pages
Forward, 2 pages	Introduction, 7 pages
<u>Monday June 22nd - Sunday June 28th</u> 11 - Embracing Biblical Methods: The Rod, 16 pages 12 - Embracing Biblical Methods: Appeal to the Conscience, 7 pages 13 - Shepherding the Heart Summarized, 2 pages	<u>Part 2 Shepherding Through the Stages of Childhood</u> 14 - Infancy to Childhood: Training Objectives, 16 pages 15 - Infancy to Childhood: Training Procedures, 18 pages
<u>Monday June 29th - Sunday July 5th</u> 16 - Childhood: Training Objectives, 10 pages 17 - Childhood: Training Procedures, 12 pages 18 - Teenagers: Training Objectives, 14 pages 19 - Teenagers: Training Procedures, 14 pages	



There is no higher-stakes, more humbling work in this life than shepherding the children God has entrusted to us. Parents feel this. So do grandparents, future parents, and the volunteers who serve our kids in Next Generation

Ministries. Tedd Tripp's *Shepherding a Child's Heart* helpfully roots the parenting task in Proverbs 4:23, "Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life." This is the heartbeat of BUILD and Wellspring. This is the language of our smallgroups. This is how we talk to each other in the church. Likewise, this heart-shepherding-not-behavior-modification needs to be the aim of our parenting.

Behavior is the overflow of the heart, so godly parenting is never content merely to manage conduct. We are not policemen, we are shepherds appointed by God to lead our children toward Him by the Word, by faithful communication, by loving discipline, and by the gospel of Christ.

This book is for parents, but not only for parents. Tripp's principles (understanding the heart behind behavior, the goals of biblical discipleship, the corrective use of discipline, communication that draws out rather than dictates) are discipleship principles. If you serve in NGM, in youth, or in discipling another believer, this book will sharpen you.

I also want to direct you to some resources you may have missed: Eric's Equipping Hour series, *Biblical Principles for Parenting* (Part 1 and Part 2), and the elder panel *Parenting Q&A* (from evening service, May 3, 2026). We love the families in this church and want to help you parent biblically. That is why we keep returning to this topic, through books, preaching, equipping hour, panels, and classes. We have offered parenting classes before and plan to offer more. If you've read this before, considering reading it again; if you haven't, this is your month.