

PARENTS AS LEADER-MENTORS: THE GRAND STRATEGY

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“There is more power in being united on an inferior plan, than there is in division over a superior plan.”

--“To Learn and to Teach More Effectively” by Elder Richard G. Scott, Education Week 2007 (www.byub.org)

--“A Child of God” – characteristics of great learners by Elder Henry B. Eyring, BYU Devotional, October 1997 (www.byub.org)

--“That You May Be Instructed More Perfectly” by A. Legrand Richards, BYU Magazine, summer 1997 (www.magazine.byu.edu)

--“Watching With All Perseverance” Elder Bednar, Ensign May, 2010

- Inventory – time to ponder and record the answers to questions concerning self and each person you mentor – who are they, why are they here, what do they need to prepare for, what do they need, what do they need from me, etc.
- Inventory simulation ideas – to be used by parents or whole family –

The earth’s rotation is slowing, you have one extra hour per day – what will you do with it?

The earth’s rotation is speeding, you have one less hour per day – what will you cut out?

There is a rapidly spreading virus which will kill all people over 21. You have one year to prepare your children to live without you.

How will you use that year? What will you teach them?

For kids – What will you need to be taught before the adults are gone?

Thomas Jefferson Education Basic Training – tools for creating a master plan and systems - www.homefires.ws

Recommended reading –

Anything by Arbinger, James Farrel, or C. Terry Warner – *Bonds That Make Us Free, Leadership and Self-Deception, Anatomy of Peace, The Peacegiver*, www.arbinger.com

Fascinating Woman by Helen Andelin

Mindset by Carol Dweck

NurtureShock by Bronson and Merryman

Raving Fans (creating a shared vision) and *Whale Done: the Power of Positive Relationships, One Minute Manager Builds High Performance Teams, Leadership and the One Minute Manager* by Kenneth Blanchard

Sun Tzu – *The Art of War*

Stephen Covey – *The 8th Habit, Divine Center*

Shy Boy and *The Man Who Listens to Horses* by Monty Roberts

Monty Roberts – a Real Horse Whisperer – video

The Dog Whisperer – videos, cable TV, books by Cesar Milan

Recommended authors for sharing with the kids-

Gene Stratton Porter

Thornton Burgess

Holling C. Holling

Ingri and Edgar Parin D’aulaire

David Macaulay - Books and Videos

Kelli enjoys reading literature for all age groups. She has an uncanny ability to read, apply, and then master a topic she is studying. She is the mother of 5 children and has been homeschooling herself and her children from the beginning.