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A MESSAGE FROM PAUL J. MEYER

The heart of the *Successful Parenting* program lies here in the “Parenting Plan of Action.” The “Parenting Plan of Action” provides you with a structure for turning theory into practice and thought into action. The measure of your success in any endeavor — including parenting — is largely determined by the extent to which you set goals and devise plans for achieving them.

The “Parenting Plan of Action” includes six areas of life: **Physical and Health, Social and Cultural, Mental and Educational, Spiritual and Ethical, Financial and Career, and Family and Home.** It is important that you have goals in every area even though not all areas will be equally urgent at any given point in time. The process of goal setting gives each area of life proper attention according to your personal priorities and values at a specific time.

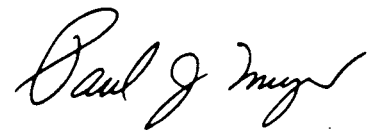
The “Parenting Plan of Action” is for your own family. Identify with it personally. Once you learn the pattern and principles of goal setting, you will have a tool that can bring you success in every area of family life.

This “Parenting Plan of Action” is merely a skeleton outline. Feel free to add additional pages that you find helpful, or to rearrange the sections provided for the six areas of life. Add articles that you clip from magazines or other sources that have a bearing on your plans and goals. In other words, make the “Parenting Plan of Action” work for you and your family.

The process of goal setting is the important principle at this point. Because your family is unique, your “Parenting Plan of Action” will be unique. It will best serve your purposes if you make it reflect your family’s unique personality. Husband and wife should work together in the development of the “Parenting Plan of Action” because it is vital that parents agree on family goals and values. If, however, you happen to be a single parent, use the “Parenting Plan of Action” to plan family goals with full assurance that success can be yours.

Eventually, as your family goals become more complex, you may need to provide a separate binder for each of the six areas of life. When your family is working toward a major goal, you may even make a special "Parenting Plan of Action" binder for a single project.

You are ready to embark on an exciting adventure. *Bon Voyage!*

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