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## Parenting the Purposes of Your Child's Heart (Proverbs 20)

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**Ron:** Quick judgments often lead to foolish responses.

**Announcer:** For FamilyLife Blended®, here's Ron Deal.

**Ron:** We live in a world of quick judgments. With just a little information we make judgments about the motives of politicians, celebrities, and our children. Proverbs 20 applies to all people but it certainly offers parents and stepparents wisdom about building character in children: "The purposes of a man's heart are deep waters," it says, "but a man of understanding draws them out."

Quick judgments look only at what's on the surface, but a wise parent looks deeper. They probe with questions. They listen and slowly determine what motivated a child's actions. Then they decide how to respond, not just to the outward behavior, but to the character they are shaping in the child's heart. For FamilyLife Blended I'm Ron Deal.

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