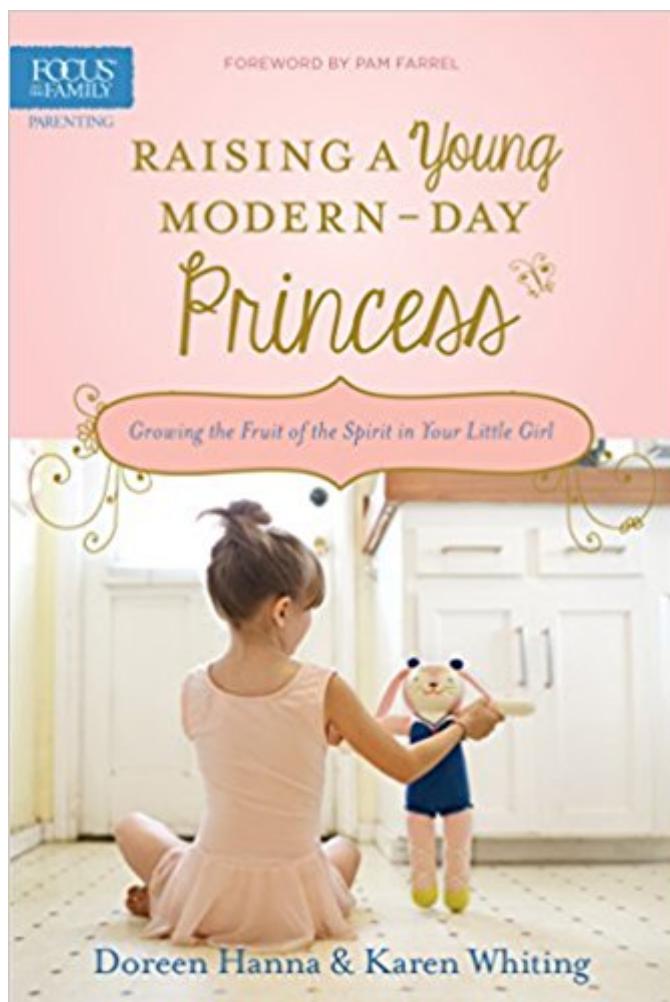


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# Raising A Young Modern-Day Princess: Growing The Fruit Of The Spirit In Your Little Girl



## Synopsis

Emulating the format of *Raising a Modern-Day Princess*, authors Doreen Hanna and Karen Whiting seek to help parents and grandparents cultivate strong relationships and encourage the spiritual formation in their daughters using examples, Bible teaching on the fruit of the Spirit, and a variety of creative activities that are based on Galatians 5:22-23, the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control). By implementing the ideas in this book, mothers (as well as fathers) will be equipped to understand and guide their daughters through each step of becoming His princess. • This will include perceiving a daughter's unique personality and gifts, refining her character through training and discipline, and modeling the attributes of a daughter of the King. This book is a follow-up to both *Raising a Modern-Day Knight* (by Robert Lewis) and *Raising a Modern-Day Princess* by Pam Farrel and Doreen Hanna. While the latter book is aimed at parents of girls ages 12 and up, this book focuses on building the Christian character of younger girls.

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*Raising a Young Modern-Day Princess* was written to help parents and grandparents nurture young girls as they grow into a child of the one true king. Hanna and Whiting explore each aspect of the fruits of the Spirit as they apply to our daughters' lives and our own lives. This book was written from the perspectives of a mom and a grandmother, so it is directed more toward mothers. However, each chapter includes "Dad and Daughter Activities" for dads to use as they

build that crucial relationship with their princess(es). Having three young daughters of my own, I am grateful for this wonderful resource that helps me understand my girls and offers me activities and ideas for developing their character and faith. When I first started reading this book, I completed the personality profile for each of my girls and discovered how unique each one is. I have four fiercely-independent, strong-willed children that test my patience multiple times a day. I have often wondered how I got so lucky (insert sarcasm). After reading this book, I realized how truly blessed I am to have each of these children that God has uniquely created. Even though they share independence and a strong will, all of our children have vastly different personalities, and therefore, they need different things from me and their daddy. Focus on the Family has provided this resource to equip parents to raise their young daughters according to biblical principals, while nurturing each daughter's unique inner beauty. Each chapter focuses on a different fruit of the Spirit and includes suggested "Fruitful Activities" to apply what you have read as you seek to nurture your daughter's faith and grow her character. The "Mom's Tools" at the end of each chapter give insight into how to foster each of the fruits in your unique daughter. Several suggestions are given for each personality type. Raising a Young Modern-Day Princess teaches a mother how to be nurturing, encouraging, inspiring and much more. This isn't your typical parenting book. The authors have provided more of an in-depth study of young girls and encourage a mother to be introspective and examine their own parenting style, personality, and how they can relate to each of their daughters. By focusing on each of the fruits of the Spirit, this book feels almost like a devotional with follow-up applications and activities. I received this book for free from Tyndale in exchange for an honest review. I have found this book insightful, and I hope you will too.

I just want to say one thing: AMAZING! This book is like a workbook for moms and dads, who want to teach their young princesses to know the real beauty, character development, faith of purpose and strength. The book is loaded with the ideas to try and activities to participate. The design is beautiful. It contains sections about the fruits of the Spirit and how to help the daughters of the King to achieve the best they can be. With "Fruitful Activities" the parents will learn how to introduce new fruit of the character in their kid's life. With games and fun activities each kid would be thrilled to repeat the fun again and again. In "Dad and Daughter Activities" dads will deepen their relationship with their princesses. Check the Profile Character Test in "Mom's Tools" to learn what kind of personality the princess has, and enhance it with more fun activities. In "Dad's Toolbox" Doreen and

Karen explain more about tools need for girls to be super-princessy!

We have called our daughter "Princess" almost since the day she was born. I even love the idea of her sharing names with a real princess (although that is not how she got her name). I have been quite disappointed in many princess books that I have read with my Princess. They make princesses seem air-headed and prissy. I believe that a princess should be graceful and kind and generous and loving and caring and tender. I love the idea behind "Raising a Young Modern-Day Princess" which is combining Scripture to teach the Fruits of the Spirit with the idea that all girls are Princesses (as they are daughters of the One True King, God). One idea from the book is a marble jar to keep track of when you see your child showing a Fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, or self-control). My family has started to do this very thing with a sticker chart rather than a marble jar. When we see a family member (parents and kids) showing a Fruit, then they get a sticker. When the kids get 50 stickers, they get a Daddy date. Not sure what us parents get when we get 50 stickers. I love that idea to affirm and our children that they are growing in the Spirit. There is a whole list of acts of kindness to help grow the fruit of kindness: pick up litter, when you meet someone learn his or her name, read to a younger child, clean out the car, hold the door open. I love that they are not just huge things but small acts of kindness. There's an idea for kindness bookmarks, too, which has made me think to make some for my boys. The chapters have ideas for mothers for activities to do with their children and then there are daughter and dad activities, too. I believe that it is always important to keep a dad on the inside when you are teaching character and virtues. He speaks volume to a young girl on how to act and expect to be treated. The chapter that resonated with me my most was the self-control chapter. One of my children and myself struggle with this and so I noticed the heading, "how to be a mom who teaches by showing." The mom said she was "grumpy, short tempered," and wanting her husband home as soon as possible (sounds familiar). She found herself snapping at her daughter, and then crying in tears guilt. A friend helped her by telling her she needed to ask for help - from God and from friends -without shame or pride. I have learned about my need to ask for help and not worry about whether I'm burdening someone (they can always say no) or a bother. If I need help, I need to ask, just as I would help if a friend needed me. I believe this book will help me as I do raise my daughter, but the one thing I dislike about this book is that I'm not sure of the age group it is intended for. It seems more geared toward children older than my daughter (15 months). I am guessing this would be more fruitful no earlier than three years old. But there is a companion for older girls, tweens and teens, called "Raising a Modern-Day Princess." I am planning to use some

of the activities for all of my children - males and females. Just don't tell my boys. ;)Disclaimer: I received this book in order to write an honest review. Others' opinions may differ from mine.

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