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But back to the subject at hand, parenting. As we have been created in His image He in turn gave us the power to procreate. Austin Powers' adversary, Dr. Evil, put it this way, to make Mini Mees. In that very ability lies the secret to our existence. The very reason we even desire to procreate is to reproduce ourselves and propagate relationship? If it's not, you really don't get it and should not have children. I know I'm coming on a bit strong here but from Genesis to Revelation the theme never changes. He created you for relationship, Satan sabotaged that relationship, Jesus came to restore that relationship and in the end will banish Satan and all those without a relationship with Him to eternal damnation. The very existence of mankind intricately revolves around this ONE truth. Maybe now you understand my intensity, my passion. Have I done perfectly you ask? NO! Which only adds to my passion. For the very anguish I feel in not doing perfectly drives me to share this truth. Many would say I had done well, but I know how imperfectly I have done and bare the scars for it, as does my son.

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