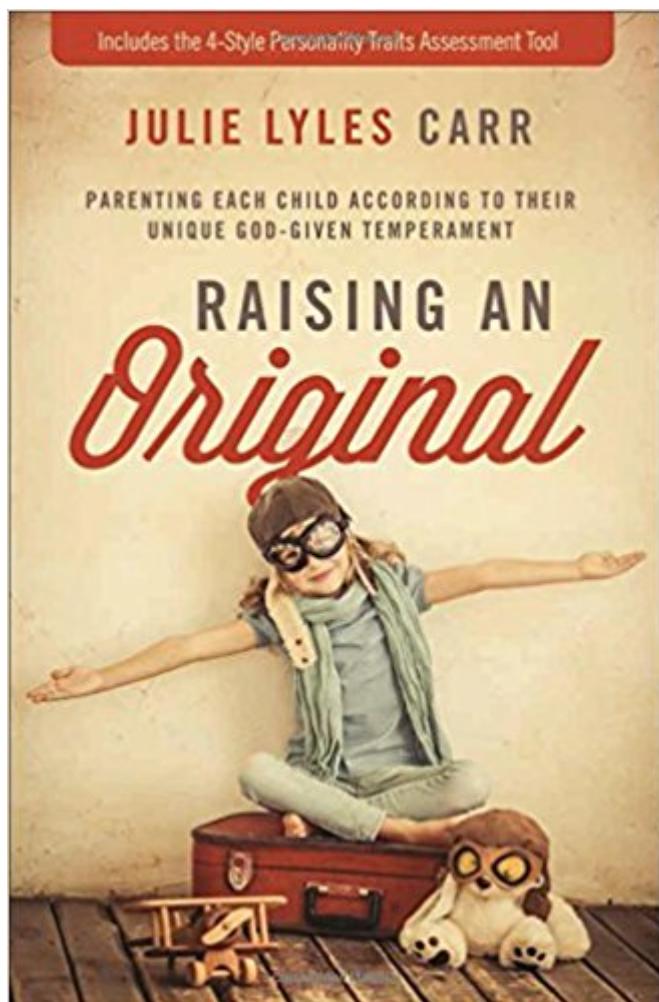


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# Raising An Original: Parenting Each Child According To Their Unique God-Given Temperament



## **Synopsis**

Most Christian parents are bombarded with all kinds of advice and plans and programs for how to be a great parent. In parenting eight kids over the last twenty-five years, Julie Lyles Carr and her husband experienced plenty of opportunity for learning, but it was when they began to understand it was about parenting each child according to their own unique needs and personality style that something wonderful happened. Â In *Raising an Original*, Carr helps to redefine the primary purpose of Christian parenting, this raising of the next generation. God has given each of our children specific gifts, abilities and capacities for specific purposes and He can equip parents to discover and support those powerful personality traits if they know where to look and how to respond. So many kids raised in Christian homes launch into their adult lives without any sense of knowing who they are called to be or what their mission on earth is. What if parents, teachers or mentors could help them discover the wondrous, unique threads woven within them that will enable them to see their part in the fabric of Godâ™s universe? Â Readers of *Raising an Original* will be equipped to help their children: Understand their unique strengths and the challenges associated with them Discover their God-given gifts and how to use them for His glory Succeed regardless of their circumstances Â *Raising an Original* will provide readers with tools for better communication with their children as well as tools for uniquely guiding and disciplining each unique child. Â With a helpful and detailed Personality Trait Assessment Tool included as a major part of the book, readers will understand themselves, their parenting style, and their child better. They will also discover ways to improve their childrenâ™s communication within sibling groups and with parents themselves. Â Readers will find freedom in discovering that God hasnâ™t asked them to raise perfect children; Heâ™s asked them to uniquely raise purposed children.

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After reading this book, it is most definitely unlike other parenting books I have read. Throughout the book, Julie is skillful at relating examples from Scripture and history into today's parenting scenarios, and shares her own family experiences from which we can also learn. It is straightforward, always encouraging and very practical for parents with kids of all ages. The most valuable information in the book is her ROPES assessment (ROPES = Raising an Original Personality Evaluation Summary) which is designed to "seek threads of personality in our children." By building a profile on each of our kids, we have an understanding of just how "original" they have been designed by our Creator. No, "Raising an Original" is definitely not another parenting book. It is a must-have parenting "manual" that will not just be read, but will be referred to again and again while coaching and mentoring our children, who are "a unique gift and contribution to be realized in this world."

I can't recommend this book enough! By far the best parenting book I've read! Truly understanding God's specific design to make each of our children "original" is so awesome! Julie's insight, wisdom and funny flair give this book great depth and help parents learn how to "raise an original"!

God hasn't asked you to raise perfect child; He's asking you to uniquely raise a purposed child. As you might imagine, "Raising an Original" is not your average parenting book and that's a good thing. Shouldn't it be original if it's indeed about raising an original. Carr takes on the parental role in raising our kids as "our heirlooms to the world" and inspires us to think beyond a cookie-cutter approach. She helps us to see that nobody has ever had the responsibility of raising our unique, original beings in the entire history of the world. It's a gift, really. She discusses parents who try to live vicariously through their children, the need for putting God above self and child, creating the right environment or mindset and having ultimate trust in God. Like Carr and her husband, if we begin to see that parenting each child according to their unique needs and personality, awesome things can and do happen. Raising an Original also provides readers with tools for communicating better and uniquely guiding each child. It includes a Personality Trait Assessment Tool for understanding of yourself, your parenting style, and the personalities of your child or children. Woven into all this is Carr's real-life experiences as a

mother of eight kids and a background in psychology. You'll find encouragement and guidance to inspire your quest of raising your children to be originals in their own rights. Note: I was provided a complimentary advance copy as part of the book launch team - it does not, however, impact my opinion or review of the book.

Let me just state this up front: the ROPES Personality Assessment tool alone is worth the price of the book. As a relationship coach, I've dealt with numerous people who are working hard to understand their child but failing. They increasingly find themselves frustrated and causing more damage. This book, in that regard, is pure gold. Julie Lyles Carr's style is entertaining, engaging, and empathetic. She gets the struggle of raising kids but can help free you up to be more of who you are while pulling more out of your kids. God created each of your children as unique individuals and she helps you parent in a God-honoring way. The assessment tool, similar to what adults in the workplace are used to with Myers-Briggs, StrengthsQuest, DISC, or Enneagram is a valuable tool for understanding your child better. It will allow you the chance to understand their temperament, demeanor, strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for growth. You'll undoubtedly discover that about yourself too, making the familial bonds stronger and the relationships more meaningful. As a tool, I will definitely be using it in my coaching practice, and it will be highly recommended to parents looking for ways to deepen their connections with their children. \*\*\*Note: I received a free copy of this book from the publisher for an honest review and assessment. Any endorsement is done free of compensation and is in no way required by the author, publisher, or any other party.\*\*\*

I really enjoyed this book. As a Children's Pastor, I've read a lot of parent help books, but nothing like this. With her funny and witty personality, Julie wrote a book I couldn't put down. Her family stories were entertaining, yet educating. In the history lessons, I learned the rest of the story to 98.6 and Laura Ingalls Wilder. (Along with other lessons.) The Bible lessons found in the book are applicable for today. And interesting. With all these elements, Julie wove together a different way of looking at parenting. I was challenged, and now have a wider view of my role as a parent. Questions such as: Should I allow my child to struggle? Or how much should I protect my child? And. How should I direct my child as they grow towards adulthood? There are other issues Julie addressed that caused me to ask: "Why hadn't I thought of that?" I highly recommend this book for parents and grandparents. It'll give you a new way of viewing parenting, and as you read the book, you'll laugh along the way.

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