

Discipleship Parenting



Section 1 –Biblical Themes

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Section 1:
A Survey of Biblical Themes

What Child is This?

- Eternal soul
- Image bearer
- A Trust
- Sinful bent toward selfishness and disorder
- Addition to our family not the center
- In need of a Savior, the gospel, and discipleship

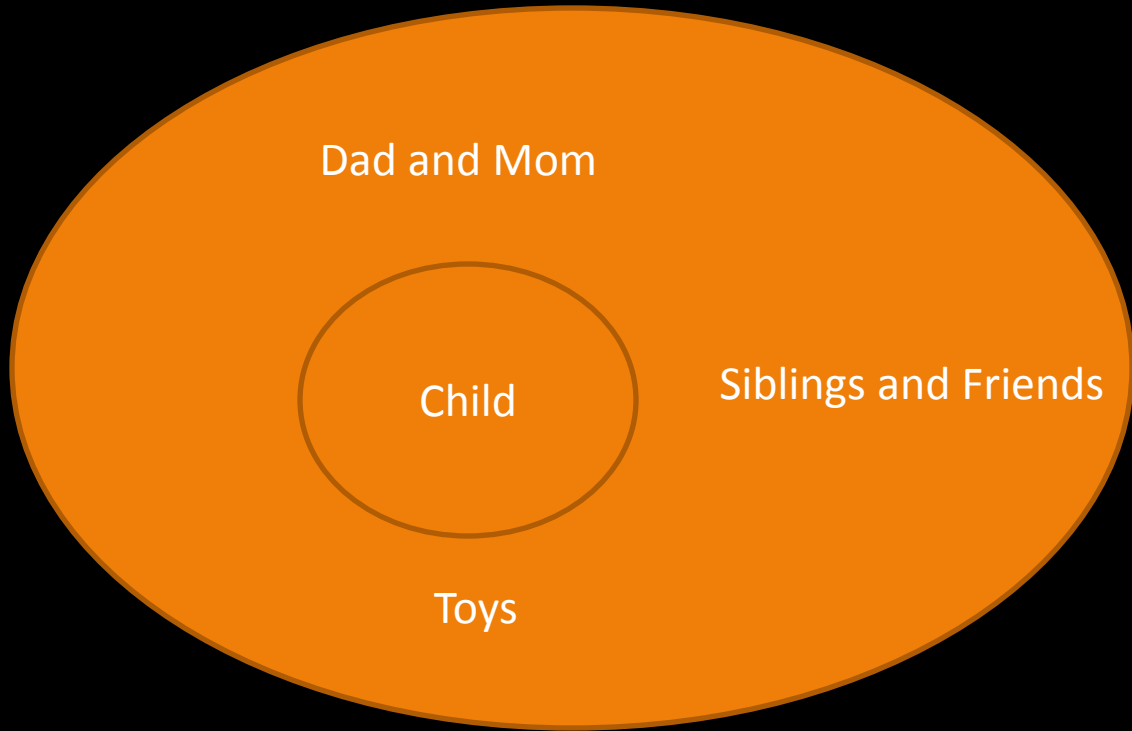
Who Am I?

- Image bearer/deputy/bearer of authority
- A former child with a history
- Sinning Saint still needing to grow
- A married person
- A word to single parents

What is the Goal?

- Harvard? Or Heaven?
- Self-glory? Or Living for the glory of Christ?
- Making a disciple of Jesus Christ – Matthew 28:18-20

God
Human Authorities



Dad and Mom

Child

Siblings and Friends

Toys

Adult Stuff

Brothers and Sisters
in Christ

Section 2: God Speaks on Parenting

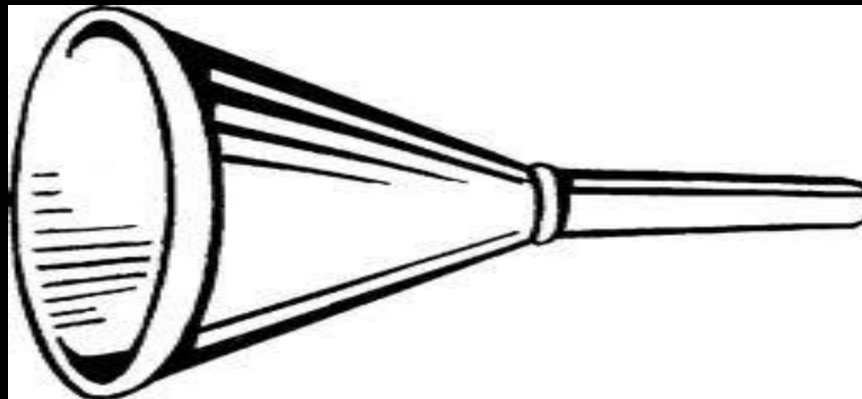
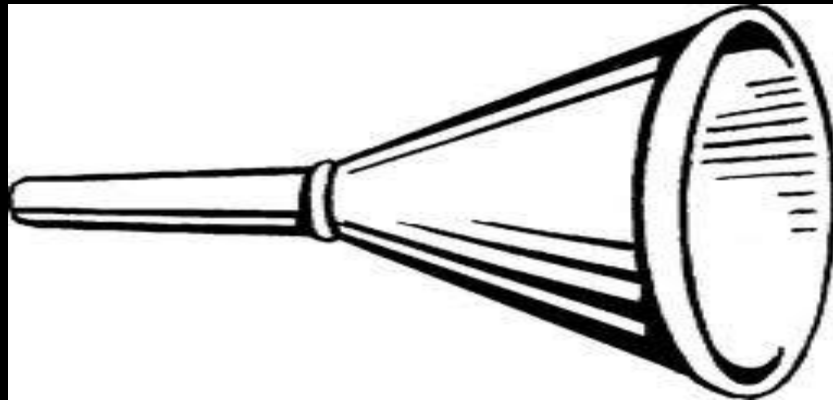
God Addresses Children

- Children
- Obey your parents in the Lord
- For this is right
- Honor your parents
- That it may go well with you.

God Addresses Parents

- *Fathers* (and Mothers)
- *Do not exasperate*

- *Bring them up*
- *Establishing the right to rule*
- Infant -----21 year old



- *In the training and in the instruction*

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Negative	Natural consequences Artificial consequences	Rebuke, Admonition, Warning

- *Of the Lord*
- The Need for the Gospel to save
- The Need for the Savior to cleanse
- The Need for the Spirit to empower
 - Put off, be made new in your mind, put on – Eph 4:22-24

Section 3:
Application and Wisdom
Thoughts

Thoughts for Marriage/Adults

1. God is in your parenting.
2. Are you praying together for wisdom?
3. Do you have a regular coffee date?
4. Dictator? or Legislature, executive, judicial?
5. Dad – Listening to Mom? Mom – putting in Dad's lap?
6. All – talking to others?
7. Repenting yourself?

Thoughts for Toddlers

1. Order, routine is good; Small funnel is good.
2. Disobedience is to be expected and serious.
3. “No” from them is treason, to be expected and serious.
4. Discipline should sting.
5. Build margin to discipline into your schedule.
6. Crying is ok.
7. “No” from you is fine.
8. Limit media use.
9. Amount of Action > Amount of Talk

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1. Train – Have them wait an amount of time and then do it the right way.

2. Principle of Restitution –

- Complaining about your sibling? Come up with four things you are thankful for your brother. God's Spirit can produce thanksgiving in us.
- Arguing about sister not cleaning up fast enough? Ok, you can do her chore too. We can handle conflict the right way.

Character Chart

Who	What to Put Off	Consequence	What to Put On	Scripture Verse
N	Not obeying	Chastisement	Obedying all the way, right away and with a happy spirit	Ephesians 6:1, Colossians 3:20
R, C	Tattletaling	Chair for 3 minutes	Mom, I think you ought to know about...	Proverbs 26:22, 20
K	Telling a Lie	Chastisement	Truthfulness	
K, C, R, N	Interrupting	Chair for 3 minutes. Then retry.	Listening, Self Control	Proverbs 18:13
C	Disrespect	Chastisement	Respectful appeal	Exodus 20:12
K, C, R, N	Delayed Chore Obedience	Extra chore	Immediate obedience or appeal	Colossian 3:20
K, C,	Complaining about the others	4 Thankful things	Thankfulness for your brother	

Help! Where do I start?

1. Slow down and observe.
2. Call the legislature into session. Pray for wisdom and priorities.
3. Talk to them individually.
4. Post the consequences and rewards.
5. Attack the sin not the person.
6. Follow through with the consequences without anger.

Thoughts for 7-12s

1. Enjoy! If you have done hard work in early years, these are great years. If not, not too late.
2. Connect to the heart – Dates.
3. Keep going with the consequences.
4. Place a high value on family unity – meanness not allowed, chores for meanness to the other, etc.
5. Make sure to put off/made new/put on
6. Amount of Action = Amount of Instruction

Thoughts for Older Teens

- 12-13 starts adult in training.
- Are you making room to listen? - Dates
- Are you asking questions to understand your young adult?
- Are you picking your battles?
- Are you bringing grace, the word of God to bear?
- Do they know you love them no matter what?
- Do they know that working leads to eating, “You don’t work, you don’t eat.” 1 Thes 2:10
- Amount of Action < Amount of Talking

Appendices

Proverbs on Discipline

- To discipline is to love – Proverbs 13:14
- To discipline brings hope (19:18), wisdom (23:13), and saves from hell (23:14)
- To not discipline is to put to death (19:18), to hate (23:14)
- Will give the parents rest (29:17, will not disgrace you (29:15)
- Objections overcome – He will not die (23:13)

Discipline Procedure

1. Not angry
2. Alone
3. With Confession/Instruction – “What did you do wrong?”
4. Statement – “I am not disciplining you because I am angry but because God tells me to do this to train your heart.”
5. Discipline
6. Break to gain his composure.
7. “Let’s pray and ask the Lord to forgive you for _____. And let’s ask him to give you help to do +++++ next time.”
8. He prays.
9. You pray thanking God for him, this lesson, the blood of Christ, the power to change.

A Few More Words on Discipline

- Hebrews 12:6ff. *The Lord disciplines those he loves.*
- Fathers. V.7
- Results in respect not alienation. V.8
- For a short time v.10
- As they thought best. V.10 (Not perfect)
- Painful. v11
- Yields peace and righteousness later. V.11
- To train in holiness v.11
- Aimed at the heart. V.5, 11
- Motive is love not anger, revenge.

Bettis Family Principles

- We love, honor and obey Jesus Christ in all that we do:
 - By growing in His Word
 - By worshipping Him with our whole heart
 - By inviting him to be on the throne of our heart during the day
 - By growing in our character
- We love, honor and obey Dad and Mom in all that we do:
 - By obeying right away, all the way and with a happy spirit
 - By not rebelling against their authority but appealing to them
 - By not grumbling or complaining but being joyful
 - By listening to Dad and Mom's wisdom
- We love and honor each other:
 - By not getting angry but being patient
 - By not stealing but asking kindly
 - By not arguing with each other but appealing to Dad and Mom
 - By not being selfish but including others
 - By not interrupting but listening

Bettis Family Principles

- We do all the work that God has assigned to us:
 - By doing all the schoolwork for the day
 - By doing all the chores for the day
 - By keeping our bodies, our house and our room orderly
- We keep ourselves pure:
 - By not letting others entice us into sin
 - By reading and watching only what Dad and Mom would approve
 - By confessing our sins to God
 - By representing Jesus when we go out to public places
- We accept the consequences when we fail in any of these area:
 - By learning from the discipline
 - By asking for God's grace in changing
 - By listening to Dad and Mom's correction

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