

ETERNAL PRINCIPLES



**FOR
EVERYDAY PARENTING**

Eternal Principles for Everyday Parenting
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INTRODUCTORY THOUGHTS

What is the goal of parenting?

This class is not for your _____. This class is for _____.

SAVORING THE SWEETNESS OF SANCTIFYING PARENTING.



Adapted from *Dangerous Calling*, by Paul Tripp (Crossway Books, 2012)

1. There are few things that will reveal to you the full range of your _____, immaturity, weakness, and failure like parenting will.
2. There are few things that will expose your weaknesses to _____ as consistently as parenting does.
3. There are few endeavors that will put you under _____ scrutiny like parenting does.
4. There are few things that are as personally _____ as parenting is.
5. There are few endeavors that have the power to produce in you such deep feelings of inadequacy as parenting does.
6. There are few things that can be such a vat of _____ as parenting is.
7. In your parenting there is a great temptation to be sidetracked and harmed by your fear of _____.

From Todd Murray, Pastor to Families, Grace Immanuel Bible Church

1. Parenting was not designed by God to reinforce the things about you that you think are _____. But to point out to you the truth about what your own _____ is really like.

2. What _____ tool could God use to make me more like Christ, than my own children who will put their hand in mind and forgive me and smile at me and love me and to be a blessing?
3. I can choose to say, "My children are _____ what I want to do." OR "I have decided that my children **are** what I want to do." Can you think of anything _____ to do with the rest of your life and energy?
4. They're not _____ my life. And they're _____ my life.

FINDING THE FAULTS IN FORMULAIC PARENTING

Adapted from Jim Newheiser, *Parenting is More Than a Formula*



What do the following have in common: *public school, private school, homeschool, children's ministries, youth ministries, church camps, integrated family ministry, and parenting books?*

3 KEYS TO FINDING THE FAULTS IN FORMULAIC PARENTING:

I. _____ **Discernment**

A. Anecdotal stories _____

B. Bible verses _____

Example: Proverbs 22:6

C. Parental peer pressure

D. Legalism

E. Preferences

F. Any extra-biblical formulas fail to take into account the _____ between children and families.

II. Beware of _____

A. It's not biblical! Parents are to be _____, not determinative.

B. Damages already _____ parents

C. Does _____ determine outcome?

D. Temptation toward pharisaical _____ in us

E. Tendency toward pharisaical _____

F. Temptation toward _____

G. Parents of rebellious children bear unnecessary _____

III. Believe the Right _____

A. 3 Factors affecting how children turn out

1. Parental _____

2. Child's _____

a)

b)

c)

3. God's sovereignty

a) Your worst mistakes won't _____ them and your best strategies won't _____ them.

b) Salvation belongs to the _____

(1) **Psalm 3:8**

(2) **Psalm 20:5**

(3) **Psalm 21:1; 35:9; 37:39; 40:16**

(4) **Psalm 85:7**

(5) "It is God who makes _____, not parents." ~ Jim Elliff

c) Salvation is ordained by the Lord

(1) **Deuteronomy 7:6-7**

(2) **John 15:16**

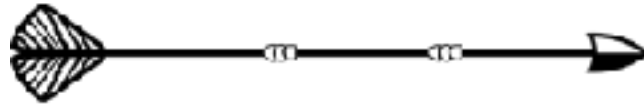
(3) See also **John 10:27-30; Romans 9:15-16; 10:20; Ephesians 1:3-6; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14**



Conclusion:

Parenting is about _____, not extra biblical formulas.

~ Jim Newheiser ~



Is Your Home Child-Centered or God-Centered?

For each numbered pair of statements, please indicate which one best describes your family situation, using a 1-5 scale.

Mom's Evaluation:

- | | | |
|---|-----------|---|
| 1. Interrupts adults when they are talking. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 1. Not to interrupt parents when they are talking. |
| 2. Use manipulation and rebellion to get their way. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 2. Understand they will not always get their way. |
| 3. Dictate family schedule. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 3. Work their schedule around their parents' schedule. |
| 4. Take precedence over the needs of the spouse. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 4. Cheerfully obey and serve the needs of others. |
| 5. Have an equal or overriding vote in all decision making matters. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 5. Have input into family decisions but not necessarily an equal vote. |
| 6. Demand excessive time and attention from parents to the detriment of the other biblical responsibilities of the parents. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 6. Understand that God has given their parents other responsibilities in addition to meeting their needs. |
| 7. Escape the consequences of their sinful and irresponsible behavior. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 7. Suffer the natural consequences of their sinful and irresponsible behavior. |
| 8. Speak to parents as though they were peers. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 8. Honor parents as spiritual authorities. |
| 9. Be the dominant influence in the home. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 9. Esteem others as more important than themselves. |
| 10. Be entertained & coddled out of a bad mood or disobedience. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 10. Be disciplined out of a bad mood or disobedience. |



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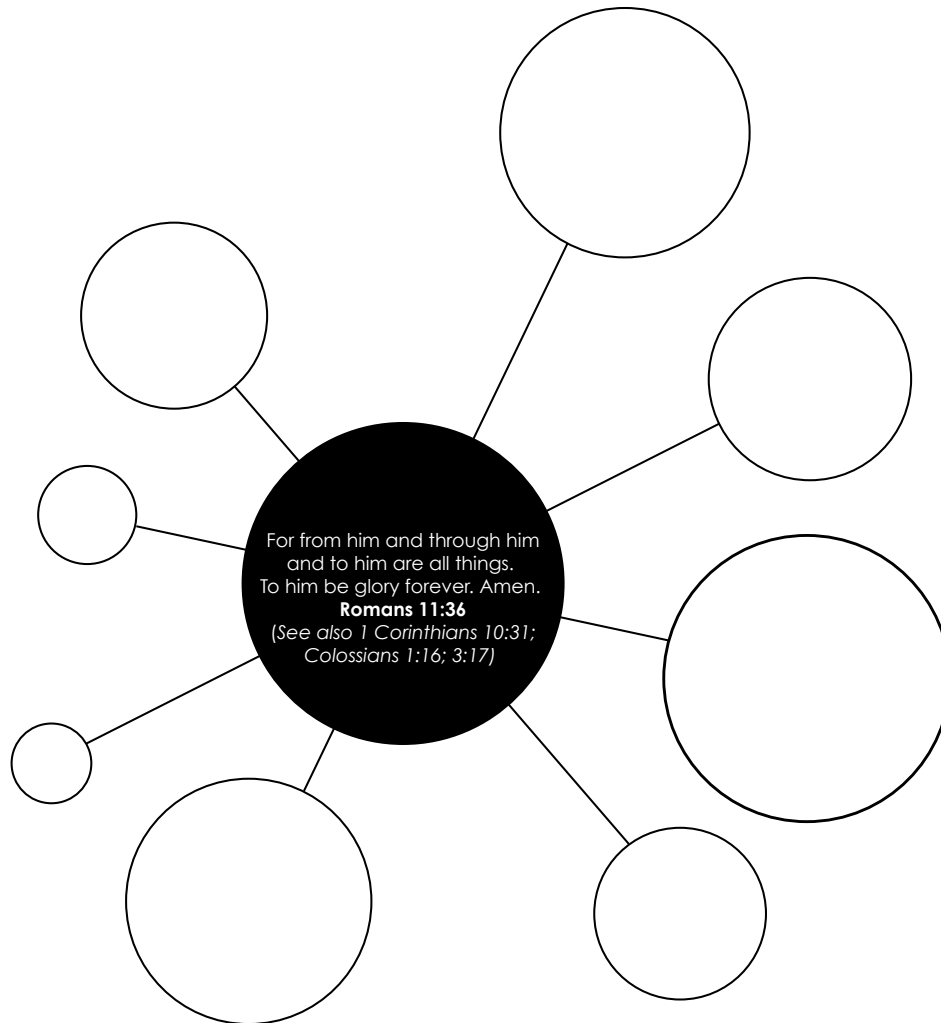
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FOUNDATIONS & FUNDAMENTALS



If we desire to see the Spirit of God transform our family life, we must surrender totally to Jesus as Lord and turn all our daily doings into an offering of worship to him. When the Spirit reigns in your life, you do everything with a view to honoring Jesus. And in that way Jesus becomes the foundation and focus and goal of the family, and life at home is transformed.

~ John Piper

(Sermon transcript: <https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/jesus-is-precious-as-the-foundation-of-the-family>)



THE TWO GREAT COMMANDMENTS OF PARENTING

And [Jesus] said to him, "You shall *love the Lord your God* with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it:

You shall *love your neighbor* as yourself.

On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 22:37-40 (*emphasis added*)

Parental love is not only a part of the two great commandments, but should be a demonstration of the parental love God shows toward us.

I. Do I Love the Lord Jesus Christ?

- A. Do I know his _____ love?

- B. Am I cultivating a sanctifying relationship?
 - 1. Am I dependent on him in _____?

 - 2. Am I a _____ of his word?

II. Do I Love Others?

- A. Do I love God's people, the _____?

- B. Do I love my spouse?
 - 1. The husband's roles
 - a) To work & to keep (**Genesis 2:15**, See *The Masculine Mandate*, Richard Phillips)

b) To love his wife

(1) _____ (Ephesians 5:25)

(2) _____ (Ephesians 5:28)

(3) _____ (Colossians 3:19)

2. The wife's roles

a) To be a _____ (Genesis 2:18; *Before the fall!*)

b) To show _____, submission, and respect (Ephesians 5:22-24, 33)

c) To keep the _____ (Titus 2:5)

C. Do I love my children?

D. Do I love my _____?

E. Do I love my _____? (Luke 6:27-36; Cf. Matthew 5:43-44)



Do Not Sin Against the Child!

By Archibald Brown, 1870

"Do not sin against the child!" Genesis 42:22

One way of sinning against a child is by bad example. The characters of the parents are carefully watched and imitated by their children.

You profess, dear friend, to be a Christian, and your child knows you are a member of this church. He has seen you partake of the Lord's supper — and then, when you have gone home, he has in a moment detected the discrepancy between your behavior at church — and your daily life at home. The angry temper — the selfish spirit — the worldly conversation — all these have been so many sins against the child! By some evil example seen by them in early life, an impression may be made upon their souls, the effects of which will remain to their dying day — and beyond!

Oh, how dreadful the thought, that by our own hypocritical lives we may be sinning against the little darlings we often feel we could die for. God forbid, that at the last great day, any of our children should turn to us with blanched cheek and say, "Father and mother, if I am damned — it is by copying the example you placed before me!"

You may also sin against the child by neglecting the means of its salvation. Do you have to confess before the Lord, that the eternal interests of your children find but a small space in your prayers? O do not sin so against the child — he is worth praying for!

What are you doing to try and bring them to Jesus? Do you ever, with the tear in your eye, tell them of the love of Jesus? Have you ever tried to show them their need of a Savior, and pointed them to Him who said, "Let the little children to come to Me?"

These are solemn questions, for I say to you dear parents in all love and from the very depths of my heart, "If you neglect the means for bringing your little ones to Christ, you are sinning against the child — and his blood will be required of you!" "If you do not teach them — the devil will."

O friends, it is a crying shame, that in our prayer meetings there are to be found men who pray as if they were dying to see the world converted — and yet never pray for their own children! It is a sad, sad fact that there are many who seem wondrously in earnest about the conversion of strangers — who yet let their own children go to Hell without a warning or entreaty!

Archibald G. Brown, April 10th, 1870, Stepney Green Tabernacle

Source: https://www.gracegems.org/29/do_not_sin_against_the_child.htm

THE TWO GREAT COMMANDS OF PARENTING

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:1-4

I. Two Commands for a Child Toward a Parent (Ephesians 6:1-3)

II. Two Commands for a Parent Toward a Child (Ephesians 6:4)

I. Two Commands for a Child Toward a Parent (Ephesians 6:1-3)

A. Obedient _____ in Response to a Parent's God-given Authority

1. Command:

2. Reason:

Obedience is doing what you are asked without challenge, _____ or excuse.

One of the most important things we can teach our children
is that we are a people under _____.

(Tedd Tripp, *Shepherding a Child's Heart*, Shepherd Press)

3. Method

a) Teach and expect _____ obedience

b) Make sure they _____ what's being asked of them

B. Honoring _____ in Response to a Parent's God-given Authority

1. Command:

Honor: _____

2. Reason:

3. Outward Manifestations:

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

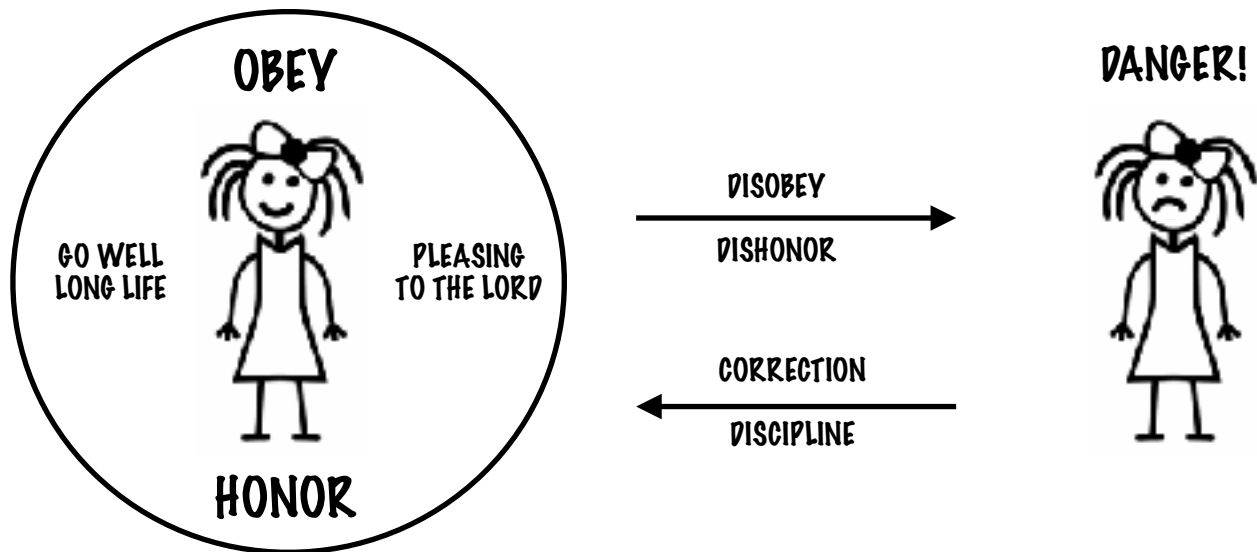
d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

* With an honoring attitude, appeals may be made

THE CIRCLE OF BLESSING
Adapted from *Shepherding a Child's Heart*, Tedd Tripp



4. Warnings for older children & teens:

The goal of a good father is to rear children who are not discouraged. The word implies losing heart, being listless, **spiritless**, disinterested, moody, **sullen**, with a kind of blank resignation toward life.

1. The opposite of being discouraged is being **hopeful**,
2. The opposite of being discouraged is being **happy**,
3. The opposite of being discouraged is being **confident**, and courageous.

John Piper, Sermon on Colossians 3:21. <http://www.desiringgod.org/resource-library/sermons/fathers-who-give-hope>

a) **Proverbs 13:15** "Good sense wins favor, but the way of the treacherous is their ruin."

- "Good sense" _____
- "Wisdom, character and integrity rarely abide alone. They draw other virtues and blessings like a _____." John Kitchen, *Proverbs*
- "treacherous" - _____
- "ruin" (or "hard") - _____

b) **Proverbs 22:5** "Thorns and snares are in the way of the crooked; whoever guards his soul will keep far from them."

- "Crooked" - _____
- "Thorns" _____
- Compare Proverbs 3:5-6

c) **Proverbs 1:20-33**

Child-centered home

Mean-spirited home

d) **Proverbs 4:1-27**

e) These proverbial warnings aren't with clenched _____ & furrowed brows, but rather open _____ and compassionate eyes. (Cf. Proverbs "My son...")

II. Two Commands for a Parent Toward a Child (Ephesians 6:4)

A. Avoid Provoking to _____ and Discouragement of Your Children (NEGATIVE)

1. Is your home child-centered or God-centered? **(See Survey on Page 12)**

2. **"25 Ways to Provoke Your Child"** by Lou Priolo (Also, "Parenting God's Way," Begg, pp. 9-12)

(In the blank beside each description, rate yourself from 1 to 5. 1 indicates that this is rarely a problem; 5 indicates that this is often a problem)

(1) _____ Lack of marital harmony

(2) _____ Establishing a child-centered home

(3) _____ Modeling sinful anger

(4) _____ Consistently disciplining in anger

(5) _____ Scolding

(6) _____ Being inconsistent with discipline

(7) _____ Having double standards

- (8) _____ Being legalistic

- (9) _____ Not admitting when you are wrong

- (10) _____ Constantly finding fault

- (11) _____ Reversing the God-given husband and wife roles

- (12) _____ Not listening to the child's opinion or side of the story

- (13) _____ Comparing them to others

- (14) _____ Not having time to talk

- (15) _____ Not praising the child

- (16) _____ Failing to keep promises

- (17) _____ Correcting him/her in front of others

- (18) _____ Giving too much freedom

- (19) _____ Not giving enough freedom

- (20) _____ Making fun of the child

- (21) _____ Abusing them physically

- (22) _____ Calling them names

- (23) _____ Having unrealistic expectations

- (24) _____ Showing favoritism toward one child

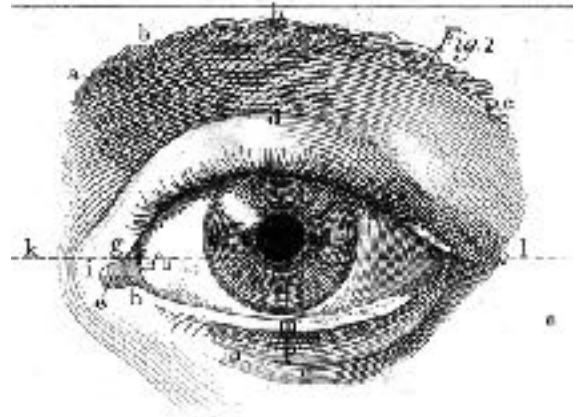
- (25) _____ Using child training methods that are not biblical



DIAGNOSING OCULAR LOGITIS

Humility helps us _____ ourselves and integrity moves us to _____ ourselves.
(Dave Harvey, *When Sinners Say 'I Do,'* Chapter 4)

- A. God is using your parenting to simultaneously _____ you. As you daily point your children to Christ, God is simultaneously conforming you to the image of Christ.



See **Romans 8:28-29**

- B. One way he does this is by revealing the _____ sins in you that you attempt to correct in your children.

See **Matthew 7:1-5**

- C. Knowing these truths helps us to address the sin in our own hearts and to show greater _____ in addressing sin in the hearts of our children.

We are more like our children than _____ them.

God uses parenting to expose thoughts attitudes, and desires in our hearts that we previously deny that were there. The reality is that there are few struggles in the lives of our children that aren't _____. Instead of approaching them with self-righteous outrage, we should move toward them as a sinner in need of grace needing to confront a sinner in need of grace. Parents who know they _____ grace tend to want to give grace to children who are just like them.

Adapted from Parenting, Paul Tripp,



GETTING TO THE HEART OF ANGER

Question: What makes you angry?

I. Identifying the Heart of Anger

- A. The Scriptures identify the source of anger in all of us: _____
Matthew 15:19-20 "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person."
- B. James describes angry people (3:13-18).
1. They are ruled by _____.
 2. They are motivated by selfish _____.
 3. Both of these character traits _____ anger.
- C. James identifies the cause of anger in the heart (4:1-2).
1. Your _____ are at war within you (1).
 2. You do not get what you _____ (2).
 3. You _____ and cannot get what you desire (2).
 4. You do not _____ God (2).

II. Examining the Heart of Anger

- A. Lifecycle of Desire (Paul David Tripp, *Instruments in the Redeemers Hands*):
1. Desire says I would like _____
 2. Demand says I must have _____
 3. Determination says I will get _____
 4. Deserve says I deserved _____ and you didn't give me _____
 5. Disappointment says I didn't get _____
 6. Defense says because you didn't give me _____, I will punish you, defend myself, go to war with you, etc.

B. Some other questions to ask:

1. What is that I'm wanting (desiring) that I'm not _____?
2. Does this desire consume me?
3. Am I willing to _____ to get it?
4. Will I sin if I _____ get it?
5. What do I want - that I don't get - that provokes me to anger?

III. Three Marks to Measure Righteous Anger:

A. Righteous anger reacts against _____ sin.

1. Westminster Catechism defines sin as "any lack of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God."
2. Righteous anger does not respond to merely being inconvenienced or having our feelings _____ or preferences ignored.

B. Righteous anger focuses on God and God's _____, rights, and concerns, not on me and my kingdom, rights and concerns.

1. Perceiving something to be offensive is not enough. We must see the offense as being an offense against God.
2. Righteous anger throbs with kingdom _____.
3. **Psalm 51:4** "Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment."

C. Righteous anger is accompanied by other godly _____, and expresses itself in godly ways.

1. **Ephesians 4:26** "Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger"
2. Righteous anger is **NOT** accompanied with _____
_____.
3. **Galatians 5:22-23** "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control..."

D. Most human anger – in the Bible and in our lives – is sinful. Beware of self-deception! (Jonah 4; Proverbs 28:13; Jeremiah 17:9; Ephesians 4:22; Hebrews 3:12-13)

Ask yourself these 3 “R” questions:

1. Am I _____ against actual sin?
2. Am I _____ on God, his glory and his kingdom concerns?
3. Am I _____ with godliness and the fruit of the Spirit?

HELPFUL PASSAGES FOR DEALING WITH ANGER:

(Mark these in your Bible - take notes - so you can open & show your child)

- **Proverbs 14:29** Whoever is slow to anger has great understanding, but he who has a hasty temper exalts folly.
- **Proverbs 15:18** A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, but he who is slow to anger quiets contention.
- **Proverbs 16:32** Whoever is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.
- **Proverbs 19:11** Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense.
- **Proverbs 22:24** Make no friendship with a man given to anger, nor go with a wrathful man,
- **Proverbs 29:22** A man of wrath stirs up strife, and one given to anger causes much transgression.
- **Ecclesiastes 7:9** Be not quick in your spirit to become angry, for anger lodges in the heart of fools.
- **James 1:19-21** Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.



The Power and Persuasion of Words

Calm _____ create future _____ to speak further into your child's life.

Proverbs 15:1 A soft answer turns away _____, but a harsh word stirs up _____

- SOFT: _____
- HARSH: _____
- WRATH: _____
- ANGER - _____
- "We see that a gentle answer may quench even white-hot anger, while a single poorly timed word may fan a little huff in to a raging _____. What power lies in the tongue! Speech has the potential to quiet a _____ or to fan the embers of anger." *Kitchen*

Proverbs 15:4 A _____ tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.

- GENTLE: _____
- PERVERSE: _____

Proverbs 16:21 The wise of heart is called discerning, and _____ of speech increases persuasiveness.

- SWEETNESS: _____
- PERSUASIVENESS: _____

Proverbs 16:23 The heart of the wise makes his speech judicious and adds persuasiveness to his lips.

Proverbs 16:24 Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.

- GRACIOUS: _____
- "soul... body" - _____

Proverbs 25:11 A word _____ spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

Our words should be thoughtful, timely and true: (*A Proverbs Driven Life*, by Anthony Selvaggio)

Proverbs 15:28 The heart of the righteous _____ how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.

Proverbs 15:23 To make an _____ answer is a joy to a man, and a word in season, how good it is!

Proverbs 12:19 Truthful lips endure _____, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.



3 Ways to Speak to 3 Kinds of Children

*And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle,
encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.*
(1 Thessalonians 5:14, ESV)

Introduction

- Compare Ephesians 4:29 "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, _____ that it may give grace to those who hear."
- Both passages tell us to use the right _____
- Ephesians 4:29: Right Words for the Right _____
- 1 Thessalonians 5:14: Right Words for the Right _____

5. Words for the Unrepentant

A. ADMONISH

- i. Warning, instructing, counseling
- ii. Verse 12 is _____ counsel (pastor to people). Verse 14 is _____ counsel (people to people).
- iii. This means to place _____ into the mind.
- iv. We are to be a _____ of God's standards, commands, warnings and correctives.
- v. Paul admonished: tearfully (Acts 20:31), gently & parentally (1 Corinthians 4:14), Christ-centered (Col. 1:28)

B. IDLE

- i. Unruly or undisciplined
- ii. The idea is of a careless _____ who is out of line
- iii. Loafing, _____ or slacking
- iv. Out in front, setting themselves _____ of the normal order.
- v. They're not falling _____ with God's boundaries

6. Words for the Unsure

A. ENCOURAGE

- i. To _____ or console (compassion)
- ii. John 11:31: The Jews were "consoling" _____
- iii. 2 Corinthians 1 - received comfort from God, we comfort others...

B. FAINTHEARTED

- i. _____ minded, timid,
- ii. _____ - souled, losing heart

7. Words for the Unable

A. HELP

- i. To cling to
- ii. Matthew 6 & Luke 16: clinging to _____
- iii. Titus tells pastors to cling to _____
- iv. Do not _____ these people.

B. WEAK

- i. Physical or spiritual weakness
- ii. Weak in _____ (Romans 14 & 15)
- iii. Spiritually _____

Conclusion: BE PATIENT WITH THEM ALL

- A. 1 Corinthians 13:4 _____
- B. 2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise... put is _____
toward you, not willing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

1) Admonish the idle

2) Encourage the fainthearted

3) Help the weak

Match the proper way (1, 2, or 3) to address your child in each scenario.

_____ Your child has consistently neglected their chores around the house.

_____ Your child hasn't done their chores. You inquire to find out they've had an unusual amount of homework that evening.

_____ Your child thinks you're being unfair and speaks with disrespect toward you out of anger.

_____ Your child is short and disrespectful toward you after getting home from school. You find out they didn't make the team at school and failed a test for which they really studied hard.

_____ You catch your son viewing pornography on the computer.

_____ On his own initiative, your son comes to you confessing that he has been viewing pornography. In brokenness, he asks for forgiveness and for help.

_____ Your teenager comes home in tears over their first heart break.

_____ You discover your daughter has several social media profiles that you weren't aware of.

These scenarios need more information. What kind of questions could you ask or observations could you make to help determine an appropriate response?

_____ You asked your child to get dressed and ready for school. Ten minutes later they are still not ready.

_____ Your child arrives later than the time you asked them to be home (or come inside from playing).

_____ You discover several broken eggs on the floor of the kitchen.

_____ You hear 2 of your children arguing/yelling in the other room.

II. Two Commands for a Parent Toward a Child (Ephesians 6:4; cf. Colossians 3:21)

A. Avoid Provoking to Anger and Discouragement of Your Children (NEGATIVE)

B. Pursue Tender Nurture of Your Children (POSITIVE)

1. The Nature of Nurture

a) "Bring them up"

b) "As the mother is typically the one who provides physical care for the children, the father is responsible for providing spiritual care for the children." ~ Allistair Begg

2. The Way to Nurture

a) Discipline (_____)

(1) "The primary responsibility for disciplining children rests with fathers as the spiritual leaders in the home who are primarily responsible for the spiritual condition of the family before God." ~ Andreas Köstenberger

(2) The difference between "discipline" and "punishment."
(See handout: Sara Wallace, "For the Love of Discipline," Chapter 2)

(3) Principles of Parental Discipline (Andreas Köstenberger: *God, Marriage, and Family*)

(a) Discipline must be _____

(b) Discipline ought to be _____ -appropriate

(c) Discipline must adhere to the universal biblical principles of _____ and justice. I.e., the punishment should fit the offense.

(d) Discipline must should be _____ - specific

(e) Discipline must be administered in _____ and not anger.

(f) Discipline must be _____ -oriented and foward-looking.

(g) Discipline must be part of a parent-child _____ that goes beyond the discipline itself.

b) Instruction (positive) - teach, instruct, train

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

4 arenas in which we are to teach:

(1) In The _____

(a) _____ to do it

(b) _____ to do it

(2) In The _____

(3) In The Milieu

(a) Literally, " _____ "

(b) French meaning "environment, setting or _____ "

(c) It teaches that Jesus is for _____, not just Sunday.

(4) In Your _____

Appendix A: TRUSTED RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES*

Books for Parents:

Age of Opportunity, Paul David Tripp, P & R Publishing
Boys & Girls Playing, J. C. Ryle, Soli Deo Gloria Publications
“Don’t Make Me Count to Three,” Ginger Plowman, Shepherds Press
Equipping for Life, Andreas & Margaret Köstenberger, Christian Focus Publications
Everyday Talk, John Younts, Shepherd Press
Family Worship, Don Whitney, Crossway Books
For the Love of Discipline, Sara Wallace
Childproof: Parenting by Faith Not Formula, Julie Lowe, New Growth Press
God, Marriage, and Family, Andreas J. Köstenberger, Crossway Books
God’s Call to Young People, Various Authors, Soli Deo Gloria Publications
Instructing a Child’s Heart, Tedd & Margy Tripp, Shepherds Press
Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles
Parenting First Aid, Marty Machowski, New Growth Press
Parenting with Words of Grace, William P. Smith, Crossway Books
Peacemaking for Families, Ken Sande, Tyndale House Publishing, Inc.
Rediscovering the Lost Treasure of Family Worship, Jerry Marcellino, Audubon Press
Shepherding a Child’s Heart, Tedd Tripp (Shepherd Press)
Successful Christian Parenting, John MacArthur, Word Publishing
Teach Them Diligently, Lou Priolo, Timeless Text
The Christian Father’s Present to His Children, John Angello James, Soli Deo Gloria Publications
The Duties of Parents, J. C. Ryle, Grace & Truth Books (Free online)
The Eaglet, Jim Eliff, Christian Communicators Worldwide, Inc.
The Godly Family, Soli Deo Gloria Publications
The Heart of Anger, Lou Priolo, Calvary Press
The Things You’ll See, Lawrence R. Lucas, ISBN: 0-0715916-0-1
Thoughts on Family Worship, James Alexander, Soli Deo Gloria Publications
Withhold Not correction, Bruce A. Ray, P & R Publishing
Your Child’s Profession of Faith, Dennis Gundersen, Calvary Press
Your Family God’s Way, Wayne A. Mack, P & R Publishing

Books for Children:

Bibles:

[ESV Seek and Find Bible](#)

ESV Children’s Bible

ESV Family Devotional Bible (April 2016)

Bible Story Books:

Ergermier's Story Bible,

Child's Story Bible, Catherine Vos

Gospel Story Bible, Marty Machowski

Might Acts of God, Starr Meade

Big Picture Story Bible, David Helm

The Jesus Storybook Bible, Sally Lloyd-Jones

The Biggest Story: How the Snake Crusher Brings Us Back to the Garden, Kevin DeYoung, Crossway Publisher

Other:

Our Home is Like a Little Church, Lindsey Blair and Bobby Giles

Little Pilgrim's Progress, Helen Taylor

Pilgrim's Progress: From This World to That Which is to Come, By John Bunyan, Edited by C. J. Lovik, Crossway Books

Dangerous Journey: The Story of Pilgrim's Progress, Oliver Hunkin

Caleb's Lamb, Helen Santos

Big Thoughts for Little Thinkers (4 books: The Gospel, The Mission, The Scriptures, The Trinity), Joey Allen

Proverbs: A Mentor Commentary, John A. Kitchen (Christian Focus Publications)

Book Distributors & Online Resources:

[Grace and Truth Books](#)

[Shepherd Press](#)

[Westminster Books](#)

[Monergism.com](#)

[The Shepherd Press Blog](#)

[Crossway Books](#)

The Good Book Company

*As with any recommendation, remember to be a Berean ([Acts 17:11](#))