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INTRODUCTION

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A Sanctifying Process

Almost all spiritual growth is incremental, and when it comes to our children, we often are looking for the “wrong” kind of growth. Far too often, as parents we make good behavior, morality, and good decision making the goal of our parenting. And though these are good things we want to see in our kids, these should be by-products of the main goal, which is to see our kids in a right relationship with God. Any compromise of this leads to idolatry and moralism, a life of self-righteousness and legalism.

You will never be a perfect parent. You will be perplexed, stumped, and at times even confused. For this reason, God gives us His Word to be our guiding light, He gives us prayer so we can confess our sin and cast our cares upon Him, and He gives us our church community so we can hold each other accountable, find encouragement, and seek godly Gospel counsel among each other.

What You Can Expect

Many of you will be really fired up after this. You’ll feel like you got a whole new outlook, and, to some degree, you may even feel like you can take on the world, or at least, the world that lives in your home. But know that this is not a “technique” that you just “do” in order to get “good kids.” This is a lifestyle of trusting in God, growing in humility, learning, knowing, and applying Scriptural truths, and, ultimately, a lifestyle of worship. You will have speed bumps and, sometimes, feel like you’ve hit a wall. But with the Word of God, prayer, and community, all bringing us back to the ultimate Good News, we can move forward in faith (**Galatians 6.9**).

I also know that there may be a lot of stirring up of even negative feelings or emotions. Maybe your parenting “style” will be challenged, or something that you were taught was good by your parents. My prayer for all of us, all of the time, is for us to be discerning people who compare what they believe and are being taught with the Word of God. Like the Bereans who searched the Scriptures to know whether or not Paul was teaching correctly, we also don’t want to push back based on feelings or personal experience, but on what the Word shows us.

That said, we all need to be moving forward in humility, teachability, and a fierce desire to have the Word of God to be our highest court and guide. I thank God that He has given us an incredible Gospel community that we can do this together in.

Don’t Compare

Lastly, a reminder: don’t compare. Your kids aren’t my kids, and my kids aren’t the other guy’s kids. We all want growth for each other, and we need to remind ourselves that growth will come differently, in different ways, and in different time frames. Examples are wonderful, they really are. It is a blessing to have real life examples of marriages, children, and families that can encourage us, but that is what they need to be: an encouragement, not an idol.

God has made you to be the stewards of these great gifts of your children. In **1 Corinthians 3.7** Paul reminds us that we, the stewards, are simply those who water and plant, and that it is God alone who gives the increase. It is our job, as stewards of these young lives, to simply be faithful in perpetually bringing our children before the Gospel in every twist and turn that life brings us. We then entrust God, who is good and perfect, to do what He please, as He pleases, and when He pleases.

And remember, you aren’t alone. We are a church of broken and sinful people who decided it would be a good idea to make more broken and sinful people, but just miniature sized. We should not be surprised, then, when things go awry! It may be hard to believe, but your friend’s family life is not quite what it may look like on Facebook.

Therefore, keep this in mind:

- The first reaction of Adam and Eve after they sinned was to hide from God (**Genesis 3.8**). Our sin makes us ashamed, but we need to know that we can be real, vulnerable, and honest about our faults, because...
- Jesus has covered the shame of our nakedness not by fig leaves, not by the skins of animals, but by the righteousness of His own blood.

THE FATHER'S ROLE

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What is the Role of a Man in His Household?

- He is to shepherd his heart through the Word of God.
- He must be able to shepherd the heart of his wife.
- He must be able to shepherd the hearts of his children.

I. Shepherding Your Heart

- **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

¹⁶All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

- Thus your manual for living must be your bible. In order to shepherd your own heart, you must first understand your heart. **Genesis 8:21** says, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth; **Proverbs 10:9** says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." You must know that if you do not shepherd your heart with the Word, your heart will move into the ways of the world. In order to understand the nature and attributes of God, you must spend time with Him in his Scriptures. God's Word is the "power of God for salvation" and the Gospel must be the central to your walk.

II. Shepherding Your Wife's Heart

- **Ephesians 5:23**

For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself *being* the Savior of the body.

- **1 Peter 3:7**

You husbands in the same way, live with *your wives* in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

You must know that your spouse's heart is as wicked as yours and that you must be able to lead your wife by trusting in God's Word. You must also lead by example. **James 1:22** says, "But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves."

Jesus is our authority and our example and he came as a loving, kind and selfless servant.

III. Shepherding the Hearts of Your Children

- a. The same principals apply as listed above. You must walk you child through
 - i. The nature of temptation
 - ii. The possible responses to temptation
 - iii. His sinful response
- b. What is your role as a father –

Ephesians 6:4

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

How do you go about bringing up your children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord? How do you discipline your children and maintain a loving relationship with them?

Shepherding your children means helping them to understand themselves, the ways of God, how sin works in the human heart and how the Gospel comes to them in at the most profound levels of human need.

We are to teach them wisdom. The word "wisdom" dominates the book of **Proverbs**. Sometimes wisdom appears as the word "instruction," sometimes as the word "understanding," and sometimes as the word "discretion." But all of those words are simply elements of wisdom: to know, to understand, to be instructed, and to have discretion means to act in wisdom. Wisdom means not simply thought, but also conduct. It means to live righteously. We are to teach our children spiritual wisdom, which is the noblest and greatest and purest pursuit of their life.

How do we teach wisdom to our children?

- **Teach your son to fear God.**

- **Proverbs 1:7**

- The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.

- **Proverbs 9:10**

- The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

This means you have to teach your children about God. You must teach you children to reverence the greatness of God. We also must teach about God's displeasure toward sin, His right to judge and to punish. We want to teach our children how to trust the Lord with all their hearts.

Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.

- Not only fear your God, but also guard your heart. **Proverbs 4:23** says, "Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life." Guard your heart diligently because everything in life comes out of it.

- **Teach them to obey their parents.**

- **Ephesians 6: 1-3**

- Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), ³ so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.

- **Proverbs 13:24**

- He who withholds his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him diligently."

- **Hebrews 12:11**

- No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way."

How do we go about teaching and disciplining our children?

Deuteronomy 6:5-9

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your sons 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 up. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

"The most effective parents have a clear grasp of the cross and its implications for daily life. The implications are manifold. They include the fear of God, a marriage that preaches the gospel to its children, deeply ingrained humility, gratitude, joy, firmness coupled with affection, and consistent teaching modeled by parents daily." -William P. Farley

LIES AND WOLVES IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING

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Lies We Believe

Defending: Is it hard to receive feedback about weakness or sin, whether about yourself, your parenting, or the weaknesses or sin about your children? When confronted, do you explain things away and talk about your or your child's successes? Are people generally hesitant to approach you about weaknesses or sin, and do you rarely converse about difficult things in life in regards to parenting and your child's behavior?

Faking: Do you try to keep up appearances and maintain a respectable image, particularly with your parenting or the image of your children? Are you often thinking about what others think of your parenting and your children? Do people know the "real you" and the parenting problems you face?

Hiding: Do you conceal a lot about your life, especially the "bad stuff" in your parenting? Where "faking" is about impressing, hiding is more about shame. Do you think people won't accept or love the "real you" or will be judgmental about you or your kids?

Exaggerating: Do you tend to think (and talk) more highly of yourself and your kids than you ought? Do you make things (good and bad) out to be much bigger than they are (usually to get attention)?

Blaming: Are you quick to blame others, or other circumstances for your sin or the sins or behavior of your children? Do you usually follow up "I'm sorry" with "but..."? Pride says "it's not my fault" or "it's not my child's fault." There is a fear of rejection if you or your child fails. We need to know and remember that our children, as cute and adorable as they are, are born with sin in their hearts (**Psalm 51.5, Proverbs 22.15**).

- "Terrible Twos"
- "He only acts this way when he is hungry/tired."
- "My child is different..."
- "She's just strong-willed."

Downplaying: Do you downplay your sin or your child's sin as "normal" or "not that bad"?

- "Boys will be boys."

Comparing: Do you look around and justify some of your or your child's weak spots by seeing that others are doing the same or worse than yourself?

- This comes into play a lot when we look at what other parents allow or don't allow. This could be anything from style of dress to amount of video game usage, etc.

Who is Shepherding Our Children?

Their Own Wants, Desires, and Happiness: It is so often we see kid-centered homes. Everything revolves around the kids' lives and happiness.

- Child's sports or recreation supplants church on Sunday, the parent's involvement in some kind of Community Group, bible study, or accountability, etc.
- The home looks more like a playground than a house.
- This enables the child to have a "me-centered" mindset, since, functionally, they run the house.

The World

- A psychological approach to parenting gives us a behavior focused mindset. We say, "if it works, therefore it must be truth," rather than "if it is truth, therefore it must work."
- TV/Media has a much larger hand in shepherding our children than even 10 years ago. The average middle schooler is only "disconnected" one hour per day, and the average child plays 14 hours of video games per week.
- Social media, cell phones, texting, etc., have given the outside world (mostly unsupervised) easy access.

Our Own (Bad) Example

- Our reactions to people and life events teach our kids. The saying that “more is caught, not taught,” is so often true.
 - “Are you kidding me right now?” or “are you serious?” or “Uggghh!”
 - Our tone of voice and body language is also caught by our kids. How we react even non-verbally will be picked up by our kids.
- Our own placed values are easily seen in our lives
 - Material possessions
 - Generosity or lack thereof
 - Time in the Word, prayer, bible study with others, corporate worship with the church, etc.
 - What we talk about and *how* we talk about it as a family and with our spouse
 - Recreation time
 - Where our passions are

Our Own Laziness

- A lack of consistency is not only confusing, but also enables our kids to continually test and see how far they can go. It also causes them to lose respect for their parents because they know that mom and dad don’t always mean what they say.
- Like in the “Lies” list above, we often make excuses for sin because we would rather not deal with it, or we don’t know how to deal with it, or we think there is no real way to deal with it.

Unwise and Sometimes Even Sinful Parenting Tactics

- Distractions end up being a favorite “go-to” because it provides temporary relief. However, it only really relieves the parents. Sadly, the child still deals with whatever underlying sin issue. Temporary fixes only enable idolatry and give more water and seed to those sin issues.
 - Offering a bribe, such as candy, a toy, or dessert for various behaviors:
 - Tantrums in a store
 - Not eating dinner
 - Not doing chores and other responsibilities
 - Not sharing
- Grounding and time out, which is usually enacted because the parent is tired of dealing with it, and is one of the easiest to do.
 - Most of the time, the child goes into his or her own room in order to “think about it,” which usually ends up being a time of getting even more angry about the situation and more angry toward mom and dad. Real repentance is rarely realized, and for the sake of coming out of the room, a false repentance will be put on. Over time, anger turns into bitterness and resentment.
 - The Word, however, always shows people needing correction being brought *into* community, not separated from it. Separation is always a last resort (**Matthew 18.15-17, 1 Corinthians 5.9-13**).
 - Also, much of the time, grounding puts the child in the driver seat. *They* go to “*their* room,” and are given the task of shepherding *their* own heart (“thinking about it”) until *they* come up with *their* own resolve on *their* own time. When *they* are done, *they* are then allowed to come out.
- Bargaining, rather than dealing with problems that arise from heart issues, is a common tactic parents employ. Instead of helping our children grow in honoring mom and dad and respecting their role as the parents, we give them a “say” in far too much.
 - “I’m going to count to three, and if you don’t get over here...” This is most often an empty threat anyway, but it is flawed from the get-go.
 - “He won’t let me [insert action: feed him a certain food, pick out his clothes, etc.].” We forfeit our role as parents and guides when we succumb to the wiles of our kids’ stubbornness.
 - Whining ends up not getting dealt with because we see it as a heart issue, but rather, parents end up meeting the kids half way or working out a deal. “But mom...” far too often ends up with, “okay, but just five more minutes.”
- Punishment instead of discipline. Punishment is meant to “make you pay,” discipline is meant to “help you grow.” (**Galatians 6.1**)
 - Far too often, our motive in dealing out consequences for our children’s sin is our own anger, embarrassment, and our desire to have them “pay” for whatever they have done wrong.
 - Yelling, raising our voice in anger
 - Silent treatment and passive aggressive responses
 - Guilt trips

WHAT MAKES THE GOSPEL DIFFERENT

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Romans 1:16 (ESV)

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

1 Corinthians 1:18 (ESV)

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Thessalonians 1:4–5a (ESV)

⁴ For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

Spiritual disciplines can trim the roots of sin,
but only the Gospel can pull the roots.

-John Owen

Colossians 2:6–8 (ESV)

⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

John 16:8–9 (ESV)

⁸ And when he [the Holy Spirit] comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me;

John 17:17 (ESV)

¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

The Gospel that saves us is the same Gospel that changes us.

Titus 2:11–14 (ESV)

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Galatians 3:1–3 (ESV)

¹ O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. ² Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? ³ Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

Gospel wakened people see the punishment of consequences as a severe mercy; the reminder of sin's damage. They are cross-shaped reminders not of spiritual burdens we still must carry, but of the weight of the burden Christ has carried for us. Consequences are signs; they are yield signs of repentance...If we don't get the Gospel, these will seem like punishments from God upon us.

-Jared Wilson, *Gospel Wakefulness*, pg. 47

Christ is never sweet till sin is felt to be bitter.

-Thomas Watson

QUESTION AND ANSWER PANEL

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Notes:

APPENDICES

PUT OFF/PUT ON LIST

"Put Off"	Scriptural Insight		"Put On"
1. Lack of love	<u>1Jo 4:7,8,20</u>	<u>Jhn 15:12</u>	Love
2. Judging	<u>Mat 7:1, 2</u>	<u>Jhn 8:9;15:22</u>	Let God search my heart
3. Bitterness	<u>Hbr 12:15</u>	<u>Eph 4:32</u>	Tenderhearted, forgiving
4. Unforgiving Sprit	<u>Mar 11:26</u>	<u>Col 3:13</u>	Forgiving spirit
5. Selfishness	<u>Phl 2:21</u>	<u>Jhn 12:24</u>	Self denial
6. Pride	<u>Pro 16:5</u>	<u>Jam 4:6</u>	Humility
7. Boasting (Conceit)	<u>1Cr 4:7</u>	<u>Phl 2:3</u>	Esteeming others
8. Stubbornness	<u>1Sa 15:23</u>	<u>Rom 6:13</u>	Brokenness
9. Disrespect for authority	<u>Act 23:5</u>	<u>Hbr 13:17</u>	Honor authority
10. Rebellion	<u>1Sa 15:23</u>	<u>Hbr 13:17</u>	Submission
11. Disobedience	<u>1Sa 12:15</u>	<u>Deu 11:27</u>	Obedience
12. Impatience	<u>Jam 1:2-4</u>	<u>Hbr 10:36</u>	Patience
13. Ungratefulness	<u>Rom 1:21</u>	<u>Eph 5:20</u>	Gratefulness
14. Covetousness	<u>Luk 12:15</u>	<u>Hbr 13:5</u>	Contentment
15. Discontent	<u>Hbr 13:5</u>	<u>1Ti 6:8</u>	Contentment
16. Murmuring/Complaining	<u>Phl 2:14</u>	<u>Hbr 13:15</u>	Praise
17. Irritation of others	<u>Gal 5:26</u>	<u>Phl 2:3, 4</u>	Preferring in love
18. Jealousy	<u>Gal 5:26</u>	<u>1Cr 13:4</u>	Trust
19. Strife/Contention	<u>Pro 13:10</u>	<u>Jam 3:17</u>	Peace
20. Retaliation (Getting even)	<u>Pro 24:29</u>	<u>Rom 12:19-20</u>	Return good for evil
21. Losing temper	<u>Pro 25:28</u>	<u>Pro 16:32</u>	Self-control
22. Anger	<u>Pro 29:22</u>	<u>Gal 5:22, 23</u>	Self-control
23. Wrath	<u>Jam 1:19, 20</u>	<u>Pro 15:1</u>	Soft answer
24. Easily irritated	<u>1Cr 13:5</u>	<u>Pro 19:11</u>	Not easily provoked
25. Hatred	<u>Mat 5:21, 22</u>	<u>1Cr 13:3</u>	Love
26. Murder	<u>Exd 20:13</u>	<u>Rom 13:10</u>	Love
27. Gossip	<u>1Ti 5:13</u>	<u>Eph 4:29</u>	Edifying speech
28. Evil speaking	<u>Jam 4:11</u>	<u>Pro 15:30</u>	Good report
29. Critical spirit	<u>Gal 5:15</u>	<u>Col 3:12</u>	Kindness
30. Lying	<u>Eph 4:25</u>	<u>Zec 8:16</u>	Speak truth
31. Profanity	<u>Pro 4:24</u>	<u>Pro 15:4</u>	Pure speech
32. Idle words	<u>Mat 12:36</u>	<u>Pro 21:23</u>	Bridle tongue
33. Wrong motives	<u>1Sa 16:7</u>	<u>1Cr 10:31</u>	Spiritual motives
34. Evil thoughts	<u>Mat 5:19, 20</u>	<u>Phl 4:8</u>	Pure thoughts
35. Complacency	<u>Rev 3:15</u>	<u>Rev 3:19</u>	Zeal
36. Laziness	<u>Pro 20:4</u>	<u>Pro 6:6-11</u>	Diligence
37. Slothfulness (Not doing best)	<u>Pro 18:9</u>	<u>Col 3:23</u>	Wholeheartedness
38. Hypocrisy	<u>Job 8:13</u>	<u>1Th 2:3</u>	Sincerity
39. Idolatry	<u>Deu 11:16</u>	<u>Col 1:18</u>	Worship God only

"Put Off"	Scriptural Insight		"Put On"
40. Left first love	<u>Rev 2:4</u>	<u>Rev 2:5</u>	Fervent devotion
41. Lack of rejoicing always	<u>Phl 4:4</u>	<u>1Th 5:18</u>	Rejoice
42. Worry/Fear	<u>Mat 6:25-32</u>	<u>1Pe 5:7</u>	Trust
43. Unbelief	<u>Hbr 3:12</u>	<u>Hbr 11:1, 6</u>	Faith
44. Unfaithfulness	<u>Pro 25:19</u>	<u>Luk 16:10-12</u>	Faithfulness
45. Neglect of Bible study	<u>2Ti 3:14-17</u>	<u>Psa 1:2</u>	Bible study/Meditation
46. Prayerlessness	<u>Luk 18:1</u>	<u>Mat 26:41</u>	Praying
47. No burden for the lost	<u>Mat 9:36-38</u>	<u>Act 1:8</u>	Compassion/Witnessing
48. Burying talents	<u>Luk 12:48</u>	<u>1Cr 4:2</u>	Developing abilities
49. Irresponsibility (Family/Work)	<u>Luk 16:12</u>	<u>Luk 16:10</u>	Responsibility
50. Procrastination	<u>Pro 10:5</u>	<u>Pro 27:1</u>	Diligence
51. Irreverence in church	<u>Ecc 5:1</u>	<u>Psa 89:7</u>	Reverence
52. Inhospitable	<u>1Pe 4:9</u>	<u>Rom 12:13</u>	Hospitable
53. Cheating	<u>2Cr 4:2</u>	<u>2Cr 8:21</u>	Honesty
54. Stealing	<u>Pro 29:24</u>	<u>Eph 4:28</u>	Working/Giving
55. Lack of moderation	<u>Pro 11:1</u>	<u>1Cr 9:25</u>	Temperance
56. Gluttony	<u>Pro 23:21</u>	<u>1Cr 9:27</u>	Discipline
57. Wrong friends	<u>Psa 1:1</u>	<u>Pro 13:20</u>	Godly friends
58. Temporal values	<u>Mat 6:19-21</u>	<u>2Cr 4:18</u>	Eternal value
59. Love of money/Greed	<u>1Ti 6:9, 10</u>	<u>Mat 6:33</u>	Love God
60. Stinginess	<u>1Jo 3:17</u>	<u>Pro 11:24, 25</u>	Generosity
61. Moral impurity	<u>1Th 4:7</u>	<u>1Th 4:4</u>	Moral purity
62. Immodest dress	<u>Pro 7:10</u>	<u>1Ti 2:9</u>	Modesty
63. Flirtation	<u>Pro 7:21</u>	<u>1Pe 3:4</u>	Gentle, quiet spirit
64. Worldly entertainment	<u>Pro 21:17</u>	<u>Gal 5:16</u>	Spiritual pursuits
65. Worldly music	<u>Eph 4:29, 30</u>	<u>Eph 5:19</u>	Edifying music
66. Bodily harm	<u>1Cr 3:16, 17</u>	<u>1Cr 6:19, 20</u>	Glorify God in body
67. Alcoholism	<u>Pro 20:1</u>	<u>Pro 23:30</u>	Abstinence
68. Following the crowd	<u>Pro 1:10</u>	<u>Pro 3:7</u>	God-fearing
69. Witchcraft/Astrology/Horoscopes	<u>Deu 18:10, 11</u>	<u>Deu 6:5</u>	Worship of God
70. Gambling	<u>Pro 28:20, 22</u>	<u>Luk 16:11</u>	Good stewardship
71. Preferential treatment	<u>Jam 2:1-9</u>	<u>Luk 6:31</u>	Love neighbor as self
72. Presumption on the future	<u>Pro 27:1</u>	<u>Jam 4:14-16</u>	Trust God's will

VERSES ON THE ROD AND DISCIPLINE

"Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear".

Ephesians 5:29

"For man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires."

James 1:19, 20

"Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.

² Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

³ For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself."

Galatians 6:1-3

Proverbs 10:13

On the lips of the discerning, wisdom is found, but a rod is for the back of him who lacks understanding.

Proverbs 13:24

He who withholds his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him diligently.

Proverbs 14:3

In the mouth of the foolish is a rod for his back, but the lips of the wise will protect them.

Proverbs 22:15

Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; the rod of discipline will remove it far from him.

Proverbs 23:13

Do not hold back discipline from the child, although you strike him with the rod, he will not die.

Proverbs 23:14

You shall strike him with the rod and rescue his soul from Sheol.

Proverbs 26:3

A whip is for the horse, a bridle for the donkey, and a rod for the back of fools.

Proverbs 29:15

The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother.

Proverbs 19:18

Discipline your son while there is hope, and do not desire his death.

Proverbs 19:27

Cease listening, my son, to discipline, and you will stray from the words of knowledge.

Job 5:17

"Behold, how happy is the man whom God reproves, so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty.

Proverbs 12:1

Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.

1 Corinthians 11:32

But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord so that we will not be condemned along with the world.

Ephesians 6:4

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Hebrews 12:5-8

"My child, don't make light of the LORD's discipline, and don't give up when he corrects you. For the LORD disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child." As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Whoever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father? If God doesn't discipline you as he does all of his children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really his children at all.

Hebrews 12:6

FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES."

Hebrews 12:7

It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

Hebrews 12:8

But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

Hebrews 12:9

Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?

Hebrews 12:10

For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness.

Hebrews 12:11

All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

Revelation 3:19

Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.

BOOK LIST FOR LIFE AND GODLINESS

Parenting Books:

Withhold Not Correction, Bruce A. Ray

Don't Make Me Count to Three! Ginger Plowman

Shepherding A Child's Heart, Tedd Tripp

Gospel-Powered Parenting: How the Gospel Shapes and Transforms Parenting, William P. Farley

What the Bible Says About Parenting, John MacArthur

Teach Them Diligently (how to use the Scriptures in child training), Lou Priolo

The Heart of Anger, Lou Priolo

Age of Opportunity: A Biblical Guide to Parenting Teens, Paul Tripp

The Fulfilled Family (I think this is in book form, but it is also a series that you can order on CD or read on gtj.org).

The Faithful Parent: A Biblical Guide to Raising a Family, Martha Peace and Stuart Scott

Your Child's Profession of Faith, Dennis Gunderson (what to say when your child asks, "do you think I'm a Christian?" (Every Christian parent needs to own this small, easy-to-read 56-pg booklet)

Devotionals with Your Kids

www.challies.com/resources/how-i-lead-my-children-in-personal-devotions#more

Kids books on the Gospel Message...

...to read to your kids over and over again

The Priest with Dirty Clothes, and The King Without a Shadow, R.C. Sproul

Dangerous Journey (A Story about Pilgrims Progress), Oliver Hunkin

Big Truths for Young Hearts, Bruce A. Ware (Teaching and Learning the Greatness of God)

The Gospel for Children, John B. Leuzarder (Guide to teaching the Gospel to your children)

Reference books...

...to help find Scripture for use in teaching/reproof when you talk with your kids

Touchpoints, A topical reference for Scripture from A-Z to share with your children as you discipline

There is also a list in the back of the books, *"Withhold Not Correction"* AND *"Teach Them Diligently"*.

MUST-HAVE Books that Every Christian Should Read:

When you have the “true knowledge” of God (2 Peter 1:3), you will have a right perspective of God, a right view of your own sin, and a correct vision of your children’s depraved situation. Even though they are not directly related to parenting, these books have had an amazing impact on our parenting because they guide our own hearts to holiness and godliness.

Surprised by Grace, God’s Relentless Pursuit of Rebels, Tullian Tchividjian
The Calvary Road, Roy Hession (amazing truths about repentance and revival)
We Would See Jesus, Roy Hession (Roy’s 2nd book written on repentance)
I am Not, but I Know I AM, Louie Giglio (how small we are in the big picture)
Idols of the Heart, Elyse Fitzpatrick
The Murder of Jesus, John MacArthur
The Greener Grass Conspiracy, Steven Altrogge
What is the Gospel, Greg Gilbert
Humility, The Forgotten Virtue, Wayne Mack (one of my absolute favorites on pride and humility)
Humility, True Greatness, C. J. Mahaney (another amazing book on humility)
Relationships: A Mess Worth Making, Timothy Lane (excellent book - especially when counseling teens)
Worldliness, C.J. Mahaney (SO convicting!)
Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life, Donald S. Whitney (learn how to shepherd your heart)
Because He Loves Me, Elyse Fitzpatrick
The Cross Centered Life, C.J. Mahaney
Don’t Waste Your Life, John Piper
The Enemy Within, Kris Lundgaard (phenomenal book about the sin within)
Whatever Happened to Worship, A. W. Tozer
Crazy Love, Francis Chan (are you a lukewarm “Christian”? Francis says there is no such thing!)
The Air I Breathe (worship as a way of life), Louie Giglio
Instruments in the Redeemer’s Hands, Paul Tripp (counseling)
The Pursuit of God, A. W. Tozer
The Pursuit of Holiness, Jerry Bridges
The Practice of Godliness, Jerry Bridges
The Discipline of Grace, Jerry Bridges
Respectable Sins, Jerry Bridges (wow!)
Knowing God, J.I. Packer
The Holiness of God, R.C. Sproul
Knowing Scripture, R. C. Sproul
Peacemaking for Families, Ken Sande and Tom Raabe (great book for resolving conflict)
The Gospel According to Jesus, John MacArthur
Saved Without a Doubt John MacArthur (being sure of your salvation)
Uneclipsing the Son, Rick Holland
A Theology of Counseling, Jay Adams
The Christian Counselor’s Manual, Jay Adams
Competent to Counsel, Jay Adams
When People are Big and God is Small, Ed Welch (do you have a fear of man?)
Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ, John Piper
Attitudes of a Transformed Heart, Martha Peace
War of Words, Paul Tripp (getting to the heart of our communication struggles) p
Keeping the Heart, John Flavel
Spectacular Sins, John Piper
God, Coming Face to Face with His Majesty, John MacArthur
Reaching the Ear of God, Wayne Mack (a book on prayer)
Attributes of God, A. W. Pink
How People Change, Timothy S. Lane and Paul David Tripp

Daily Devotionals

A Gospel Primer for Christians, Milton Vincent (great book for preaching the gospel to your children)
Counsel From the Cross, Elyse Fitzpatrick
Comforts From the Cross, Elyse Fitzpatrick
Valley of Vision: Prayers of the Puritans

Books on Purity for the Pre-Teen/Teen Years:

Sex, Dating, and Relationships: A Fresh Approach by Gerald Hiestand and Jay S. Thomas
Emotional Purity by Heather Paulsen
Sex is Not the Problem, Lust Is, Joshua Harris (another must-have previously titled, "Not Even a Hint")
The Purity Principle, Randy Alcorn (some psychology in this book, but overall, great message on purity)

Great Studies You Can do on Your Own or with a Group

Seeking Him, Nancy Leigh DeMoss and Tim Grissom (12-week study workbook)

For Women

Living a Life of True Worship, Kay Arthur (This is a 40-Minute 6-week Bible Study)
Lord, Only You Can Change Me, Kay Arthur (excellent study on the Sermon on the Mount)
Lord, I'm Torn Between Two Masters, Kay Arthur (part two on the Sermon on the Mount)

Marriage Books

When Sinners Say I Do, Dave Harvey
What Did You Expect? Redeeming the Realities of Marriage, Paul David Tripp – also has cd's
Love That Lasts: When Marriage Meets Grace by Gary Ricucci
Strengthening Your Marriage, Wayne Mack
The Meaning of Marriage, Timothy Keller

For Wives

The Excellent Wife, Martha Peace and *The Excellent Wife Workbook* (to be used with the book)
Feminine Appeal, Carolyn Mahaney
Helper by Design, Martha Peace

For Husbands

The Exemplary Husband, Stuart Scott (for husbands) There is a workbook for this book also.
The Complete Husband, Lou Priolo
Sex, Romance, and the Glory of God: What Every Christian Husband Needs to Know, C.J. Mahaney

CIRCLE OF OBEDIENCE

ARE YOU IN OR OUT?

DEFIANCE
PROVERBS 15:32

DISOBEDIENCE
COLOSSIANS 3:20

DISTRACTION
PROVERBS 4:1

SELF-CONTROL
PROVERBS 25:28

JOYFUL • TRUTHFUL • KIND
PROVERBS 17:22 PROVERBS 12:19 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4

THANKFULNESS • PEACEMAKER
1 THESSALONIANS 5:18 MATTHEW 5:9

HONESTY • GENTLENESS • FORGIVING
PROVERBS 12:22 PROVERBS 15:4 MATTHEW 6:14

LISTENING • FIRST TIME OBEDIENCE
PROVERBS 13:13 EPHESIANS 6:1-2

DO ALL THINGS WITHOUT COMPLAINING OR ARGUING
PHILIPPIANS 2:14

PATIENT • OBEY ALL AUTHORITY
ECCLESIASTES 7:8 ROMANS 13:1

DO CHORES WITHOUT BEING ASKED
COLOSSIANS 3:17

"YES MOM" - "YES DAD"
COLOSSIANS 3:20

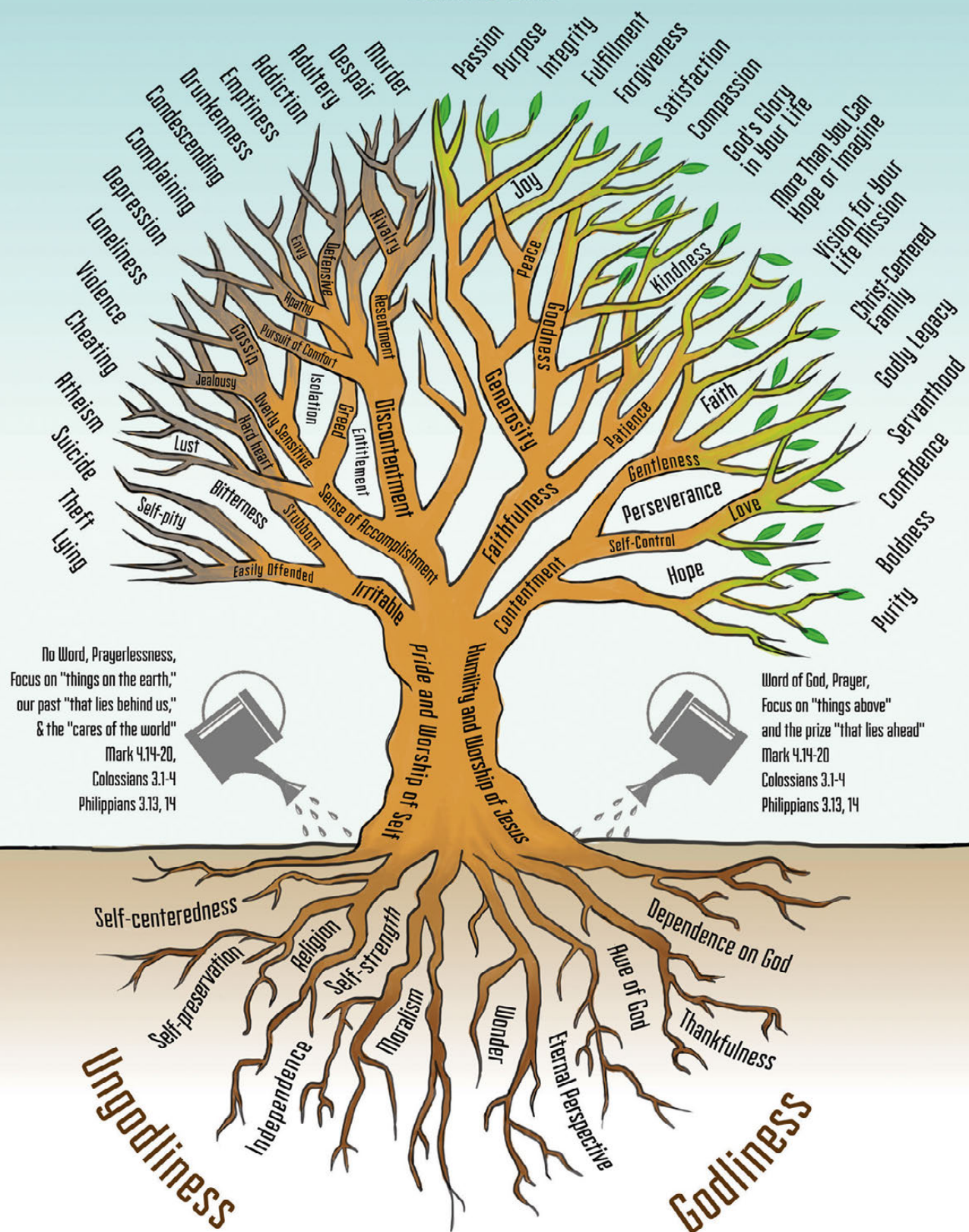
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PROVERBS 12:22

DISRESPECT
EPHESIANS 6:2

DISCONTENT
1 JOHN 2:15

FROM ROOT TO FRUIT

LIVING BY THE FLESH VS. LIVING BY THE SPIRIT
ROMANS 8:13



Galatians 5.16-26 • Matthew 3.10, 12.33-37 • Jeremiah 17.5-10 • 2 Corinthians 4.16
Isaiah 30.22 • Proverbs 27.20 • James 1.14, 15 • Mark 4.14-20