



Parenting

Embracing **God's** Family Values

Parenting

- ✓ God's Design For Family
- ✓ God's Family And The Fall
- ✓ Vision & Culture
- ✓ Teaching
- ✓ Discipline
- ✓ Wisdom For The Early Years (0-12)
- ✓ Wisdom For The Later Years (13-Adult)



Faithfulness to uniquely nurture each child through faithful teaching and discipline.



Teach truth through the modeling and instruction of God's Story and corresponding Family Values.



Bring necessary pain to teach the rebellious will that is set against the instruction of God's Story and corresponding Family Values.



Vision

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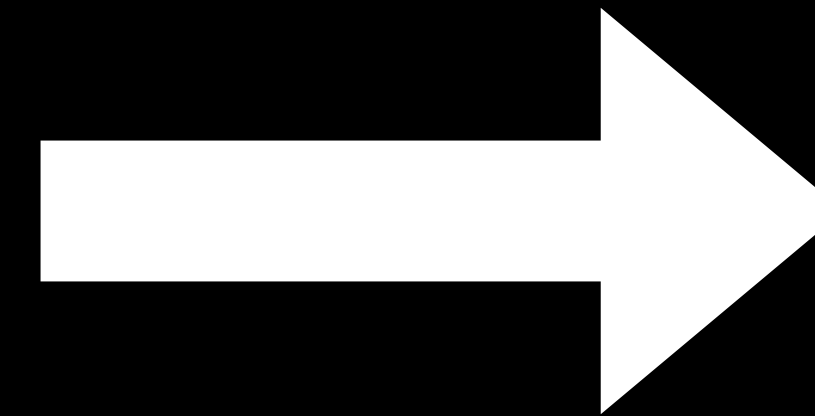
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Discipline

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Parent Unto...

*Learning to live under
your Good Authority...*

*To live a fruitful life under
God's Good Authority*



Why does
Authority
Matter?

Genesis 1:27-28

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

How were they to go about this?

Genesis 2:16-17

¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

God created Adam...

God commanded Adam...

God had the authority to carry out justice...

The Authority Principle...

People flourish best when they choose to come under good authority. Good authority provides...

Security...

Confidence...

Acceptance...

Genesis 2:22-25

²² And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” ²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Genesis 3:6-8

⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and **they knew that they were naked**. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. ⁸ And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and **the man and his wife hid themselves** from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

The Authority Principle...

Kids flourish best when they are shaped to come under good authority. Good authority provides...

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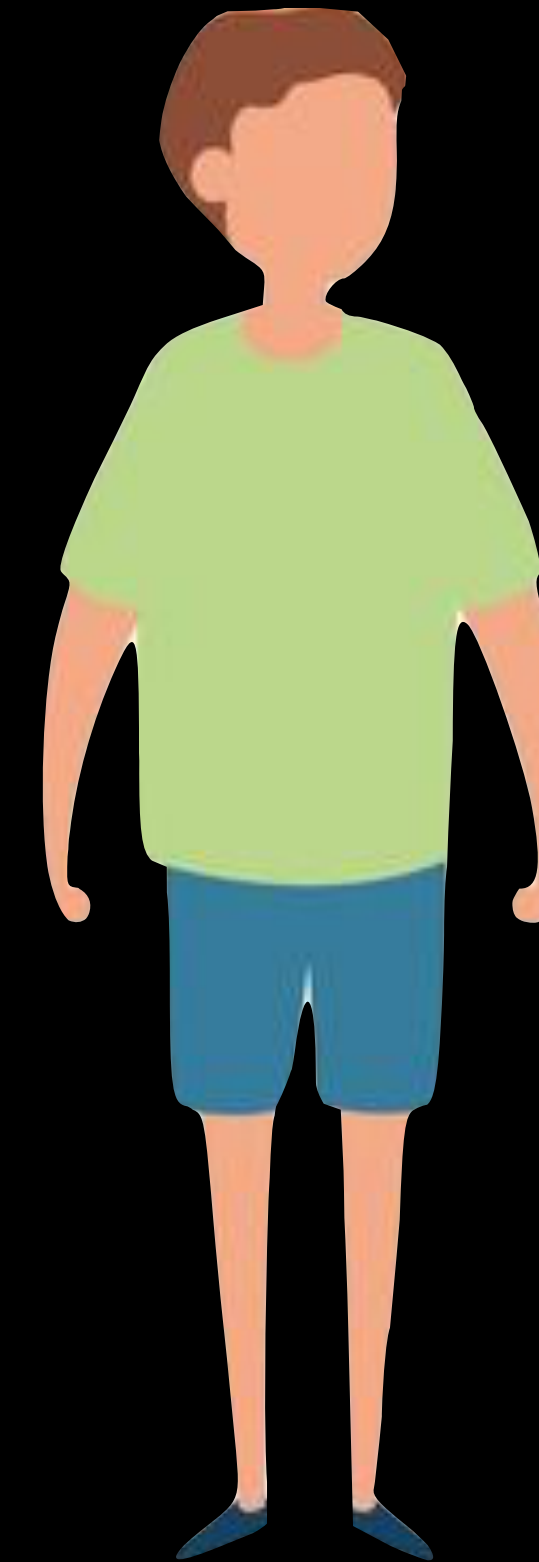
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Secure
Confident
Accepted



John 5:19

¹⁹ So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **the Son can do nothing of his own accord**, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.

John 12:49

⁴⁹ For **I have not spoken on my own authority**, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak.

Parents must come under God's good authority in who He is and what He has said to have the wisdom, security, and confidence needed to parent God's way, and to model the under-authority life to their kids.

John 17:6-11

⁶ “I have manifested your name to the people **whom you gave me** out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you...⁹ **I am praying for them**...Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

*Parents must view their children as given by God,
regularly praying for their present and future relationship
with Him and His Family.*

Matthew 4:18-22

¹⁸ While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon...and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”... ²¹ And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James...and John his brother...and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

*Parents must cast a vision to and for their kids
to live under God's good authority and to
participate in His mission.*

Matthew 16:13-17

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, **he asked his disciples**, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ **He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”** ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

Parents must spend regular time teaching and asking questions to understand how their kids' minds are developing around the Truth of God's Word.

Luke 11:1-2

¹ Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray...” ² And he said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come...”

*Parents must help their kids connect with God
through learning how to spend with Him
through prayer and His Word.*

Matthew 16:21-23

²¹ From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” ²³ But Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

Parents must firmly rebuke their kids' thinking or action that is contrary to God's Word, patiently showing how it is rooted in the flesh, while simultaneously staying relationally close with their kids.

John 21:15-16

[After Peter denied Jesus three times and after Jesus appeared to His disciples three times after His resurrection.] ¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” *[Jesus went on to ask this question two more times.]*

Parents must help their kids experience God's grace by quickly restoring close fellowship with their kids after their kids rebel and by helping them through the process of restoring their close fellowship with God.

John 14-17 (Jesus' Farewell Discourse)

14:12. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

14:23. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

14:26. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

John 14-17 (Jesus' Farewell Discourse)

15:4, 8. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

15:11. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

15:18-19. ¹⁸ "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

John 14-17 (Jesus' Farewell Discourse)

16:12-13. ¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth...

17:11–15. ¹¹ ...Holy Father, keep them in your name...that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹² While I was with them...

I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction...¹³ But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves...¹⁵ I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.

John 14-17 (Jesus' Farewell Discourse)

17:25-26. ²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me.

²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

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Later Years Summary

- ★ Parents must come under God's good authority to have the wisdom, security, and confidence needed to parent God's way, and to model the under-authority life to their kids.
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- ★ Parents must view their children as given by God, regularly praying for their present and future relationship with Him and His Family.
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- ★ Parents must help their kids experience God's grace by quickly restoring close fellowship with their kids after their kids rebel and by helping them through the process of restoring their close fellowship with God.
- ★ Parents must help their kids connect with God through learning how to spend with Him through prayer and His Word.
- ★ Parents must be consistently preparing their kids for the transition from living under their good (yet imperfect) authority to living under God's good (and perfect) authority.

2 THESSALONIANS

STEADFAST IN SUFFERING

Next Week

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4