



# Wise Parenting

Creating the Joy of Family

There are 6 essentials in  
families that have joy

Would you like to know what they are?

# Staff Meeting: A Simple Weekly Plan

(Have this discussion)

	Mom	Dad	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3
<u>Relationship</u> (Love)					
<u>Respect</u> (Value)					
Rules (Instruction)					
Routines (Training)					
Responsibility (Correction)					
Resources (Tools)					

Take an hour every week to discuss these 6 topics  
What one area do you want to focus per family member?

# Relationship



**Mal 4:6; Matt 22:37-39; 1 Cor 15:33; Titus 2:3,4**

**Life is Relationship - Deep connection to those you love**



# Relationship Verses

- **Matt 22:37-39**

- And He 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 foremost commandment. The second is like it, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’

- **Mal 4:6**

- He will restore the hearts of the fathers to *their* children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse.”

- **1 Cor 15:33**

- Do not be deceived: “Bad company corrupts good morals.”

- **Titus 2:3,4**

- ...so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

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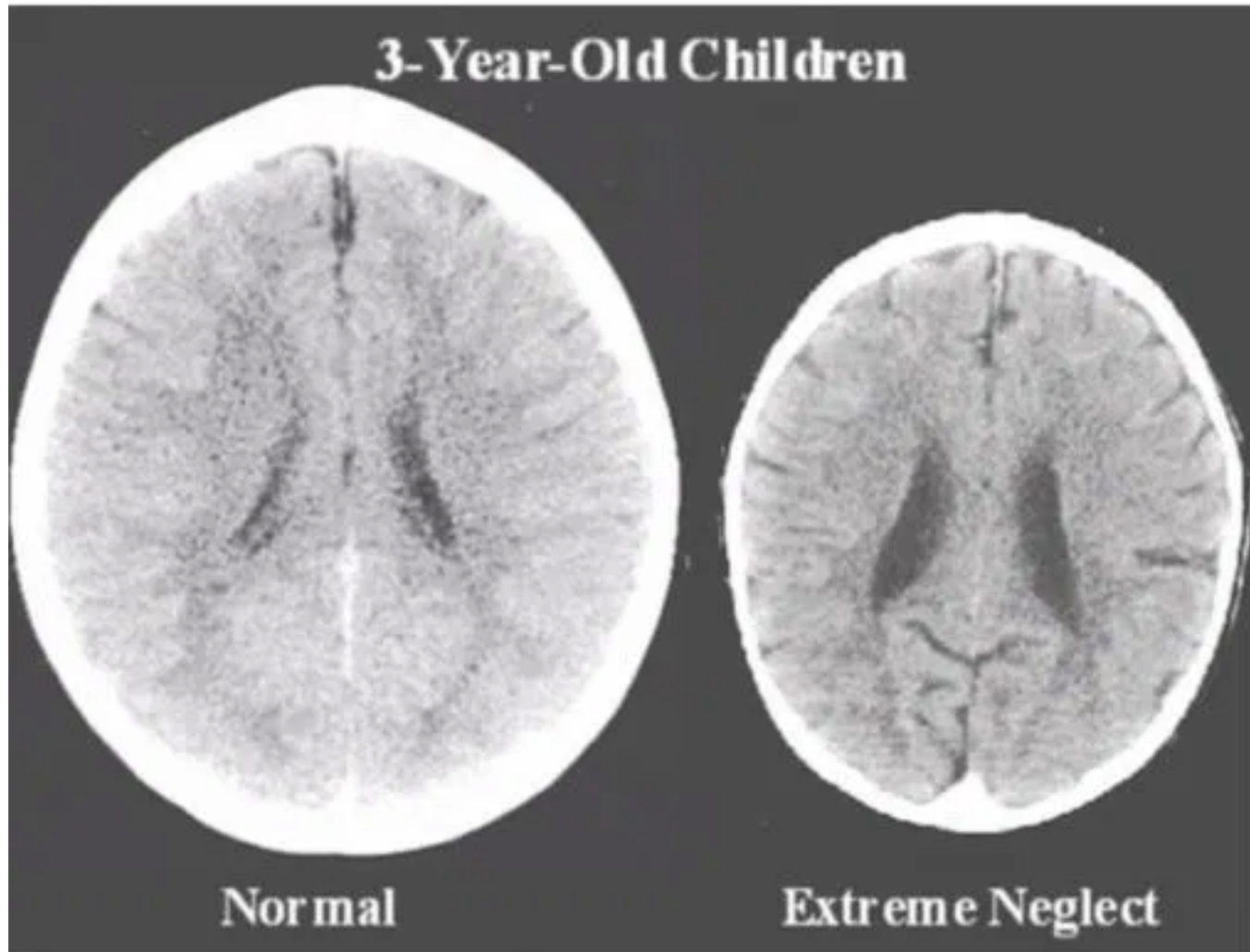
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On the left is the scan of a three year old with a normal amount of love, affection and relationship with their parents

The slide on the right is of a three year old child who suffered from extreme emotional neglect

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  - e. Correct them positively and negatively: (Practice, make me)
  - f. Find them role models and mentors (Katie, Christy)
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# Avoiding the Father Wound

Mal 4:6



# The Importance of Fatherhood

- The greatest **single cause** of whether children will take the right moral road is the connection they have with their **father**...

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- An absentee Father predicts teen pregnancy and gun violence in 86%+ of the cases...  
(emotions, distance, divorce)

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- 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes
- 90% of all homeless and runaways are from fatherless homes
- 80% of rapists motivated by displaced anger come from fatherless homes
- 71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes
- 75% of all adolescent patients in drug abuse centers come from fatherless homes
- 85% of all youths sitting in prisons grew up in a fatherless home

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1. There will always be an dynamic connection through Biology
2. Raising emotionally healthy kids in blended family requires more information and skills



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# Don't Forget the Father's Blessing

Gen 48

A man's children desperately need him to be proud of them. Explain what they are good at. And to say it.



# Relationship

## Action Steps

- I will increase my relationship with my children
  - (Work with, Talk with, Play with)
- I will listen to my children and interact with them
- I will tell my children where I am pleased by them
  - (every day, every week)
- I will tell them what to expect
  - (I expect, Others expect, God expects)
- I will show them the secret routines for success
- I will positively and negatively correct my children
- I will do all I can to resource my children
- I will have a staff meeting with my spouse about the children each week while they are in the home
- I will learn additional skills if I am in a blended family



# **If I Had Only Known**

If I had only known

It was the last walk in the rain

I'd keep you out for hours in the storm

I would hold your hand

Like a life line to my heart

Underneath the thunder we'd be warm

If I had only known

It was our last walk in the rain

# **If I Had Only Known**

If I had only known  
I'd never hear your voice again  
I'd memorize each thing you ever said  
And on those lonely nights  
I could think of them once more  
Keep your words alive inside my head

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# **If I Had Only Known**

You were the treasure in my hand

You were the one

who always stood beside me

So unaware I foolishly believed

That you would always be there

But then there came a day

And I turned my head

and you slipped away

# If I Had Only Known

If I had only known  
It was my last night by your side  
I'd pray a miracle would stop the dawn  
And when you'd smile at me  
I would look into your eyes  
And make sure you know my love  
For you goes on and on

# **If I Had Only Known**

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The love I would've shown

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