

Foundations Lesson 16

Parent- Child Relationships Part 1

Outline:

- Foundational Principles for Biblical Parenting (the Purpose for Parenting)
- Biblical guidelines for training children
- Common mistakes parents make when raising children
- Ways to avoid discouraging children from submitting to authority

1. Foundational Principles for Biblical Parenting

- The parent- child relationship is to be understood in the _____ of the community of the local Church. Eph 5, 6:1-4
- Parent- child relationship is to _____ a godly heritage or community in the earth. Psalm 127:3,
- The parent- child relationship is designed by God to establish a _____ for _____ in children, community, and society at large. Eph 6: 1-4, Matt 7:

2. Biblical Guidelines for training children

a. Parents are to _____ their children in the fear and instruction of the Lord. Eph 1:4

- Teach and model the _____ of God
- Teach the _____ of God (God's morality, standards for right and wrong, good, and evil)
- Teach and model the grace, mercy, love, forgiveness, patience, and justice of the _____ and how it applies to their lives
- Teach your child to _____ the scriptures and _____
- Take your children to church and get _____
- Love your _____ as yourself

b. Parents are to _____ to building a godly community for the next generation to follow. Psalm 127:3

- The church community is to _____ the truth about marriage and parenting to the world.
- Family (church family) life is a _____ from the Lord

c. Parents must be committed to the Lord

- At least one parent must be a born-again believer. _____ is key to unlock the treasures of God’s wisdom for parenting in the home.
- Parents must take their _____ with the Lord seriously to avoid spreading the influence of hypocrisy and insincerity in the home and church.

d. Parents must be committed to the Word

- Parents are accountable to the scriptures as the _____ for parenting.
- Parents show their _____ to Christ and the authority of his word when they freely submit to their Pastors and other believers in the local church context. Eph 5:21, Heb 13:17
- Parents are to _____ in their children a love for God’s word and a place for the word in the home... teaching, ministries, family devotions, Christian music, home bible studies....

e. Parents must be committed to each other

Parents must strive to be of _____ in the home, and work together as a team.
1Pet 3:7

- Embrace the biblical roles of husband and father
- Embrace the biblical roles of wife and mother
- Avoid the pressure from the world to compromise these roles

f. Parents must be committed to loving their children in _____ ways according to the Gospel.

- Treat them with dignity and respect as _____ of God, regardless the choices they will make
- _____ your sins before your children
- _____ your children of their sins
- Avoid _____ discipline out of carnal anger or fear.
- Do things with your children, to stay _____ in their lives

- Be real, _____, and honest with your children
- Look for ways to serve and _____ for your children

3. Common mistakes parents make when rearing children

- Favoring the compliant child
- Comparing them with other children
- Over protection Under protection
- Parental apathy and neglect
- Over correction,
- Forgetting they are just kids
- Withholding discipline.... doesn't work, or too traumatic of an experience
- Setting our expectations too high or low... school, sports...
- Patterns of marital disharmony
- Constant criticism of the bad, no acknowledgment of the good
- Hypocrisy, double standards,
- Modeling anger
- Not owning sins
- Too many rules, or no rules, rules without relationship

4. Ways parents provoke/encourage children

1. When we discipline them with the rod P or E
2. When we shelter them from the world P or E
3. When we make them our "buddy" P or E
4. When we allow them to view us as ultimate authority P or E
5. When we withhold the rod P or E
6. When we confront their sinful behavior P or E
7. When we lecture them P or E
8. When we treat them like children P or E
9. When we make excuses for them P or E
10. When we yell at them P or E