

Lesson 5
What can we do?

Childhood Development -

- A. Birth - 15 months: Learning Sense of _____. By Bonding, physical, & emotional security
- B. Ages 1-3: Learning Sense of _____. Shaping the will & affirm personhood.
- C. Ages 4-5: Learning Sense of _____. Promoting creativity within limits.
- D. Ages 6-11: Learning Sense of _____/competence. Bring Guidance & success
- E. Ages 12-15: Learning Sense of _____ vs Confusion. Confirmation, establish identity
- F. Ages 16-21: Learning _____ vs. Isolation. Responsibility & becoming a friend.

Considering the above, think about how the world has come at the children in government schools through the past 100 years and especially in the most recent decades.

See E - children begin developing their own identity around age 12;
researches agree that most 12 year olds can think as adults

- 1. _____ came out of obscurity at age 12 (Luke 2:42)
- 2. Jews hold the Bar Mitzva when a boy turns 12 (he becomes a man)
- 3. Liturgical churches often hold "confirmation" at age 12
- 4. Evangelicals however seem to minimize junior high ministries & focus on High School ministries. (That is often TOO Late to begin teaching the saved about their Identity in Christ)

Teach our children their Identity in Christ before they are 15.

Parenting Styles:

- A) _____ = offers high support and low control. Makes child feel loved but makes little effort to control their behavior.
- B) _____ = provides low control and low support. Leaves child alone, ignores their responsibility to love them & control their behavior.
- C) _____ = provides high control & low support. Makes little attempt to love their children but works hard to control their behavior.
- D) _____ = offers high control and high support. Makes child feel loved while providing the proper behavioral control.

Which Style would be the one God would have us to attain to? _____
Which style will a child best know that they are loved? _____

Titus 2:1-8. Teach them to "love their _____" Why does God say this? _____

We must walk in the Spirit - the fruit born first is Love (Galatians 5:22)

- 1. 1 Timothy 1:5 - charity out of a _____ Heart and _____ Conscience, and of Faith _____ (real, not imitated)
- 2. Many parents have said they don't love their children and have told their kids so.
- 3. In this case, it says more about the _____ than the _____. This indicates a lack of Spirit-filled love, which is unconditional love.
- 4. 1 John 4:9 "We love him, _____ he first loved us."
- 5. We loved our children at first sight; they didn't know what love was.
- 6. God's love for us is NOT dependent upon our _____! "Believest Thou This?"
- 7. God's Grace will give you _____ towards others; starts at home.