



***PARENTING  
FOR LIFE***

**LESSON 2**

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*The Parent's  
Goal*

# **REVIEW: THE PARENT'S PRIORITIES**

- The Bible provides teaching that is comprehensive
- Parenting is not an entity unto itself

# REVIEW: PARENT'S COMMITMENTS

1. A commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ
2. A commitment to your spouse
3. A commitment to your family
4. A commitment to others

Warning from Judges 2:10 - All that generation also were gathered to their fathers; and there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel.

# LESSON 2: THE PARENT'S GOAL

- Primary Purpose for all Believers – Glorify God  
1 Cor 10:31 - Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
- Primary Resources for Godly Parenting

EVERYTHING CHRISTIAN PARENTS NEED TO KNOW TO RAISE THEIR CHILDREN IN A GODLY MANNER IS FOUND IN THE BIBLE

# LESSON 2: THE PARENT'S GOAL

- Primary Resources for Godly Parenting

## God's Holy Word

- 2 Peter 1:2-4 "...He has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness..."
- Psalm 19:7-9
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 – Scripture equips us for “every good work”

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## The Holy Spirit

- Philippians 2:13 – “for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure”
- 1 Corinthians 2:14 “But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.”

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## Godly Parents

Husbands who follow God's design for the family

Primary Provider and Leader

1 Corinthians 11:3; 1 Timothy 5:8

Wives who follow God's design for the family

Priority to Home and Family

Titus 2:4-5; Proverbs 31:12-27

## LESSON 2: THE PARENT'S GOAL

- “Observance of all the principles we are learning will produce the most effective results when they are practiced in a home that follows God’s design for the family”
- Our ultimate *ambition as a believer is to glorify* God  
*2 Cor 5:9 - Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.*



# LESSON 2: THE PARENT'S GOAL

- What is the goal of parenting?
- TO BE A FAITHFUL INSTRUMENT IN GOD'S HANDS FOR ACTIVELY BRINGING UP MY CHILD ACCORDING TO BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES
- To be a Faithful Instrument or Steward
- We'll look at Two Biblical Principles
  - God's View of Man
  - God's Directions for Parents

# PRINCIPLE 1: GOD'S VIEW OF MAN

1. Man is NOT inherently good
  - ❑ How does the world view man's nature?
  - ❑ The natural man's goal is to *feel good about himself* and thus function better.

# PRINCIPLE 1: GOD'S VIEW OF MAN

## 1. Man is inherently **evil**

- ❑ Clear biblical evidence that everyone is a sinner
  - ❑ Romans 3:10-11, “as it is written, THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE; THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS, THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD.”

# PRINCIPLE 1: GOD'S VIEW OF MAN

## 1. Man is inherently **evil**

- ❑ Sin affects the whole human:
  - ❑ The Will – Ephesians 2:1-3; 2 Peter 2:18-19
  - ❑ The Mind and Understanding – Romans 8:7; Ephesians 4:17-18

# PRINCIPLE 1: GOD'S VIEW OF MAN

## 1. Man is inherently **evil**

- ❑ Sin affects the whole human:
  - ❑ The affections and emotions – 2 Timothy 3:3-4
  - ❑ Outward speech and behavior – Mark 7:21-23; Galatians 5:19-21; James 3:5-9

# PRINCIPLE 1: GOD'S VIEW OF MAN

1. Man is inherently **evil**

- ❑ This is the doctrine of Total Depravity

- ❑ Not all sinners are equally evil, but all are utterly unable to rid themselves of the guilt of sin and establish an eternal relationship with God.

# PRINCIPLE 1: GOD'S VIEW OF MAN

1. Man is inherently **evil** – **Totally Depraved**
  - ❑ It is in this sinful condition that a child enters the world
    - ❑ Psalm 58:3; Psalm 51:5
  - ❑ No amount of “good” behavior can ever make us perfect and able to stand before God – Isaiah 64:6
  - ❑ Every child is wholly fallen and wholly in need of redemption
  - ❑ Scripture teaches that the heart is the control center for life
    - ❑ Genesis 8:21; Proverbs 4:23; Turn to Page 107 in your books

# PRINCIPLE 1: GOD'S VIEW OF MAN

1. Man is inherently **evil** – **Totally Depraved**
  - ❑ Issue is...parenting is primarily internal, dealing with the heart – Understanding sin before Holy God
  - ❑ Parenting must focus on Christ
    - ❑ For our children's salvation
    - ❑ For our children's progressive sanctification



## **PRINCIPLE 2: GOD'S DIRECTIONS FOR PARENTS**

Ephesians 6:4, “And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord”

# PRINCIPLE 2: GOD'S DIRECTIONS FOR PARENTS

## 1. The Essence of God's Directions

- “bring them up”
  - ACTIVE – not passive
- What does passive parenting look like?
  - Lacks wisdom; fails to study God's word; fails to pray as instructed (Prov 1:1-7; James 1:5)
  - Excuses our children's sin
- How do we become passive in our parenting?

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## 1. The Essence of God's Directions

- ❑ “bring them up”
  - ❑ ACTIVE – not passive
- ❑ How do we become passive in our parenting?
- ❑ Consider David's example – Great king, military man, musician, Poor Father
  - ❑ 2 Samuel 13:1-39; 2 Samuel 15-19; 1 Kings 1:5-31
  - ❑ Where did it start though? 2 Samuel 11:1

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## 1. The Essence of God's Directions

- ❑ “bring them up”
- ❑ We must **actively** pursue the task of bringing up our children
  - ❑ Particularly Dad – Why?

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## 1. The Essence of God's Directions

- ❑ “bring them up” - Actively
- ❑ **Particularly Dad**
  - ❑ Dads are directly accountable to God due to His structure of headship 1 Cor 11:1-3; 1 Tim 3
  - ❑ “Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ. Now I praise you because you remember me in everything and hold firmly to the traditions, just as I delivered them to you. But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ. “

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## 1. The Essence of God's Directions

- “bring them up” - Actively
- Particularly Dad**
  - Dads can be tempted to think their work is done when they arrive home
  - Dads – we need a reminder when we come home  
“YOU ARE NOW ENTERING THE MISSION FIELD”

# PRINCIPLE 2: GOD'S DIRECTIONS FOR PARENTS

## 1. The Essence of God's Directions

- ❑ “bring them up” - CONTINUOUSLY
- ❑ Parenting is Work
  - ❑ Parenting is Striving (Deut 6:4-9)
  - ❑ Parenting is NOT passive neglecting (Prov 24:30-34)

# PRINCIPLE 2: GOD'S DIRECTIONS FOR PARENTS

## 1. The Essence of God's Directions

- ❑ “bring them up” - COMMANDED
- ❑ Parenting according to God's design is not optional
- ❑ We are to bring them up *Actively, Continuously, and with Authority*



# PRINCIPLE 2: GOD'S DIRECTIONS FOR PARENTS

## 2. The Execution of God's Directions

- ❑ Discipline – general heading of Training
  - ❑ Methods: Rules, Guidelines, Restrictions, Rewards, Correction, and Structure
  - ❑ Proverbs 24:3-4 – “By wisdom a house is built, And by understanding it is established; And by knowledge the rooms are filled With all precious and pleasant riches.”

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- ❑ Discipline – general heading of Training
  - ❑ Methods: Rules, Guidelines, Restrictions, Rewards, Correction, and Structure
  - ❑ In submission to this training is where children learn obedience to authority
    - ❑ Col 3:20 - Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord.

# PRINCIPLE 2: GOD'S DIRECTIONS FOR PARENTS

## 2. The Execution of God's Directions

- ❑ Discipline – general heading of Training
  - ❑ Pg 13. - DISCIPLINE IS NOT ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SHAPING A CHILD'S BEHAVIOR. IT IS ALSO A MEANS BY WHICH A PARENT POINTS A CHILD TO HIS NEED FOR CHRIST. WHEN A CHILD FAILS TO LIVE UP TO THE STANDARDS WHICH HE IS TAUGHT, IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN HIS NEED FOR A SAVIOR

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- ❑ Discipline – general heading of Training
  - ❑ Note on Correction: chastisement for wrongdoing – teaches sowing and reaping principle
  - ❑ Includes use of 'the rod' but is not limited to it
    - ❑ Look up: Prov 13:24; 19:18; 22:15, 23:13-14; 29:15, 29:17
    - ❑ Using the rod in a biblical, loving manner proves you love your child

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- ❑ Discipline – general heading of Training
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  - ❑ But to be a biblical parent...to do it God's way...we must be willing to trust God's Word and be obedient in this area.

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## 2. The Execution of God's Directions

- ❑ **Instruction** – “putting into the mind”
  - ❑ Methods: teaching, verbal admonition, encouragement, advice, and warning
  - ❑ Topics:
    - ❑ Character and Deeds of God
    - ❑ God's requirements of us

# PRINCIPLE 2: GOD'S DIRECTIONS FOR PARENTS

## 2. The Execution of God's Directions

- ❑ **Instruction** – “putting into the mind”
  - ❑ Balance between Discipline and Instruction
  - ❑ Pg 112 in Appendix

# PRINCIPLE 2: GOD'S DIRECTIONS FOR PARENTS

## 3. Summary

- ❑ **The Parent's Goal** – glorify God in our parenting as faithful stewards of the blessing of children
- ❑ **How?** – **Actively Discipline/Train and Instruct**
- ❑ **Why?** – **We Discipline and Instruct not merely for Behaviors, but so our children know God and their hearts before Him**



# **HOMEWORK ENCOURAGEMENTS – PONDER THE PRINCIPLES**

1. Realize the importance of the homework
2. Realize the homework will take time and effort
3. Realize the reward of actively doing the homework



**QUESTIONS?**

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***THE PARENT'S PRIORITIES***