



# ***PARENTING FOR LIFE***

LESSON 7

*The Parent's role as  
TEACHER*

# REVIEW

Parent's Priorities:

Lord, Spouse, Family, Others

Parent's Goal

faithful steward, actively bringing up

Parent's Challenges

Motivation, Focus, Balance

Parent's Roles

Disciplinarian

# THE PARENT'S ROLE AS TEACHER

## REVIEW

1. How do Parents Teach?
  - Example
  - Life Situations
  - Q&A
  - Formal Instruction
2. What do Parents Teach?
  - a) Fear of God
  - b) Submission and Obedience to Authority

# THE PARENT'S ROLE AS TEACHER

## 2. What do Parents Teach?

### c) How to Deal with Sin

#### i. Dealing with personal sin

- Prov 3:7 – *“Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and turn away from evil.”*
- When we sin, God requires REPENTANCE...a change of mind that leads to a change in behavior.

# THE PARENT'S ROLE AS TEACHER

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### c) How to Deal with Sin

#### i. Parents teach their children about repentance:

- Holy Spirit's role in bringing conviction and sorrow over sin
  - John 16:8 - *And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment;*
  - 2 Cor 7:10 - *For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.*

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#### i. Parents teach their children about repentance:

- How to receive God's forgiveness through confession and acknowledgement of sin
- *1 John 1:8-9 – If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

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#### i. Parents teach their children about repentance:

- Importance of seeking reconciliation with others
- *Matt 5:23-24 - Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.*
- How to learn from failure
- See appendix VII – pg 115 Identifying, Changing, and Developing Habits

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#### i. Dealing with Personal Sin

#### ii. Dealing with Other's Sin:

- Fleeing Sin – 1 Cor 15:33 *“Do not be deceived: “Bad company corrupts good morals.”*
- Response to Sin – Rom 12:17-21 - *Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. “But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*



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### c) How to Deal with Sin

i. Dealing with Personal Sin

ii. Dealing with Other's Sin:

- Be a Peacemaker – Rom 12:10 *“be devoted to one another in brotherly love, give preference to one another in honor”*; See also Phil 2:3-4

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### c) How to Deal with Sin

i. Dealing with Personal Sin

ii. Dealing with Other's Sin:

- Forgiving Others – Ephesians 4:32 *“Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.”*
- *Don't bring it up for harm; Don't gossip about it; Don't needlessly dwell on the offense*
- *Choose not to remember - Isaiah 43:25 “I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins.”*

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## 2. What do Parents Teach?

d) Biblical Communication – Eph 4:29; Prov 15:2

i. Listening – Prov 18:13; James 1:19

- Listening skills are NOT inherent
- We are to be quicker to hear than speak
- Note on Interruptions

ii. Speaking

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ii. Speaking = Edifying Discussion

- Willingness to Engage
- Edifying in content, motive, tone, and volume
- Right amount of talking
- Appropriate responses to audience
- Encourage openness with family on all topics

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## 2. What do Parents Teach?

### d) Biblical Communication – Eph 4:29; Prov 15:2

#### ii. Speaking = Edifying Discussion

- Opportunity to analyze the heart – Matt 12:34b *“For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart.”*
- *WHAT AND HOW our children speak shows us their heart*
- Examine Motives – apply to Foolish Examples pg.66 *“What are you wanting when you said/did...?”*

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## 2. What do Parents Teach?

### d) Biblical Communication – Eph 4:29; Prov 15:2

#### ii. Speaking = Edifying Discussion

- Parents MUST carefully consider our example to our children
- Tongue is a powerful force to either edify or destroy
- God cares about how we speak to one another – Ps 19:14
  - Address sinful communication lovingly and firmly
  - Lead/Admonish your child to confess their wrong speech to the Lord

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## 2. What do Parents Teach?

### e) To Love and Serve Others

- i. Biblical love is agape love – loving the unlovable without seeking reciprocation
- ii. Loving others Christ's way – Rom 5:8 *“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.”*
- iii. *“Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself” Phil 2:3*

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## 2. What do Parents Teach?

### e) To Love and Serve Others

#### iv. Follow God's Example:

John 10:11 – *“I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.”*

John 13:34 – *“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.”*

John 15:13 – *“Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.”*

Mark 10:45 – *“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”*



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#### v. Follow Christ's Example:

- Generous
- Sacrificial
- Focused on Others
- Impartial

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### e) To Love and Serve Others

#### vi. Agape love Is: (and is Modeled and Taught)

- Being Considerate and Kind
- Being Forbearing and Tolerant
- Not Being Overly Critical
- *Can Be Seen and Heard – Assess your kids*

# THE PARENT'S ROLE AS TEACHER

## 2. What do Parents Teach?

- f) How to deal with Desires, Expectations, Disappointments
  - i. Prov 15:16 *“Better is a little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure and turmoil with it”*
  - ii. Define Desires / Expectations
    - *When we are willing to sin to get it*
    - *When our attitude/action is sinful if we don't get it*
  - iii. Cravings (Material things, Responses, Pleasures, Even Good things) are rooted in selfishness

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## 2. What do Parents Teach?

### f) How to deal with Desires, Expectations, Disappointments

#### iii. Dealing with Cravings:

- Prov 22:6 – Train our children how to handle
- How to handle Disappointment
- Remember the Character of God
- Do I believe God's plan to be my best good?

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### f) How to deal with Desires, Expectations, Disappointments

#### iii. Dealing with Cravings:

- Will I be content or contentious?
  - Gal 5:13 - *For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.*
  - Phil 4:11-20
  - 1 Tim 6:6 - *But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment.*

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## 2. What do Parents Teach?

### g) To Handle Trials Biblically

- i. Trials are a part of life for everyone
- ii. Ability to handle trials is directly related to recognizing God's Sovereignty and Divine Purpose
- iii. God allows trials for our benefit
  - Ps 119:71 - *It is good for me that I was afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes.*
  - Ps 119:75 - *I know, O Lord, that Your judgments are righteous, And that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.*

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### g) To Handle Trials Biblically

#### iv. Help in Trials

- Examination Questions
- Remembering God's consistent care and faithfulness
- *Ps 78:4 - We will not conceal them from their children, But tell to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, And His strength and His wondrous works that He has done.*
- Cultivate attitude of gratitude to God in every situation

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## 2. What do Parents Teach?

### h) Stewardship

- i. God requires faithfulness of a steward – 1 Cor 4:2 *“In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.”*
- ii. Teach Children the Importance of Being:
  - Good Stewards of TIME – Mt 25:14-30
  - Good Stewards of Abilities and Bodies – 1 Th 4:3-4; 1 Cor 9:26-27
  - Good Stewards of Material Blessings – Luke 12:42-43



# THE PARENT'S ROLE AS TEACHER

## 2. What do Parents Teach?

### i) Biblical Work Ethic

i. Part of God's GOOD plan for everyone

ii. When do we work?

- Most of the time!

iii. How do we work?

- Attitude – Col 3:23 “heartily, as unto the Lord”
- Effort – Eccl 9:10 “...do it with all your might”

iv. Why do we work?

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### i) Biblical Work Ethic

#### iv. Why do we work?

- To Please the Lord – Col 3:23
- God's primary way of meeting our needs and other's needs
  - 2 Thess 3:10 - *For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either.*
  - Eph 4:28 - *He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need.*

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### i) Biblical Work Ethic

#### iv. How can our kids learn to work?

- Work is a good, and a very real part of life
- Consider the Ant – God is pleased with diligence in our work
- Must learn NOT to make an Idol of leisure
- Appendix XI – The Character of Work Ethic – go there – read the NOTE

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2. What do Parents Teach?
  - j) Biblical Principles Concerning Marriage
    - i. Remember: You model this every day!
    - ii. *Children learn God's requirements for husbands and wives at home! From us!*
    - iii. *Teach children who they need to be*
    - iv. *AND who they should be looking for*

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## 2. What do Parents Teach?

### j) Biblical Principles Concerning Marriage

- v. *Someone who Fears the Lord, Submits to His authority, deals with sin, communicates biblically, deals with desires and disappointments well, handles trials biblically, is a good steward, has a work ethic, and knows what it means to be a good parent!*

# SUMMARY

- a. Parents are to Teach the Word of God by Precept and Example
- b. We strive to teach our children to understand God's standards and their inability to live by them perfectly
- c. Then we guide them to Christ, Who is sufficient for all they need



**QUESTIONS?**

**LESSON 4**

***THE PARENT'S ROLE AS  
DISCIPLINARIAN***

