



## Unbiblical Parenting Methods

- I didn't turn out so bad
- Pop psychology
- Behavior modification
- Emotionalism
- Punitive Correction
- Erratic Eclecticism

## Biblical Parenting

- Parenting methods and goals should be complementary.
- Proverbs 23:13-19
- The rod and good communication are needed for you and your children.

## Communication

- Communication is dialogue, not monologue.
- We need to understand the "why" of what is going on.
  - The behavior you see reflects the abundance of your child's heart.
  - You want to understand the specific content of your child's heart.
  - The issues of the heart are more important than the behavior since the heart drives behavior.
- Hebrews 4:15
- The goal is to go through four issues
  - The nature of temptation
  - The possible responses to this temptation
  - The motives for those responses
  - The sinful response he chose.

## Types of Communication

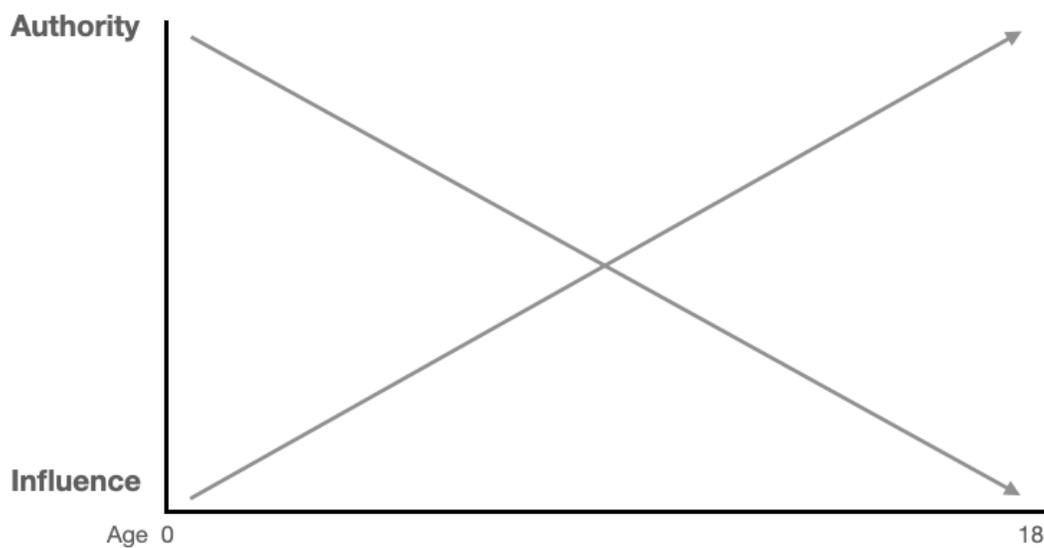
- 1 Thessalonians 5:14
- Encouragement is useful when the child knows they were wrong and admits it.
- Encouragement is needed when there is failure.
- Correction fixes something that is wrong.
  - 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- A rebuke is for behavior that requires a response of shock or alarm.
- Entreaty is communication that is earnest and intense.
  - Proverbs 23:26
- Instruction involves giving a lesson or information that will help your children understand their world from a biblical point of view.
  - Psalm 119:104



- Warning is used when there is danger.
  - Proverbs 13:18
  - Proverbs 16:18
- Teaching is similar to instruction but is simply imparting knowledge.
- Prayer is communication with God.

### A Life of Communication

- The importance of developing communication is seen in authority and influence.



- Parental authority is highest when children are infants.
- Influence is the willingness of a child to submit to your authority because they trust you.