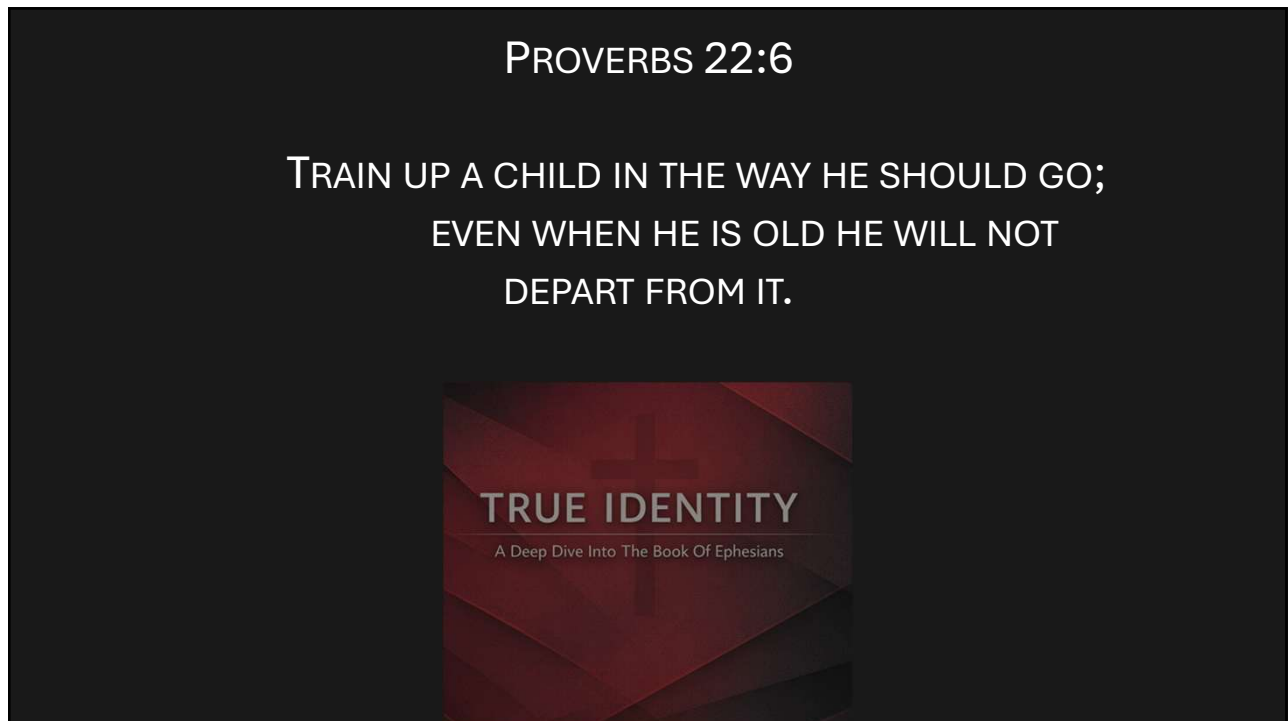


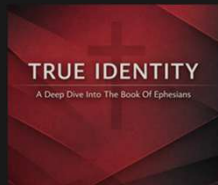
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Ephesians 6:1–4

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

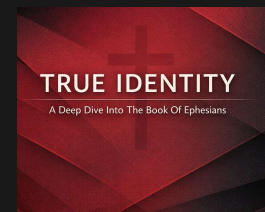


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Imitators Of God – Ephesians 4:1-2

- Within the church
- Reflected within the family
- Married husband and wife relationship



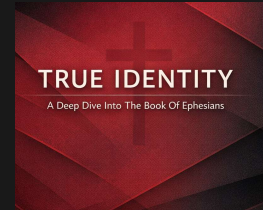
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Imitators Of God – Ephesians 4:1-2

Scriptural Instructions For A Child

- Listen to your parents - Proverbs 1:8
Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching



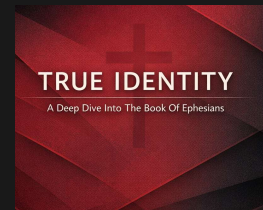
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Imitators Of God – Ephesians 4:1-2

Scriptural Instructions For A Child

- Listen to your parents - Proverbs 1:8
- Pay close attention - Proverbs 6:20–22
My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching. Bind them on your heart always; tie them around your neck. When you walk, they will lead you; when you lie down, they will watch over you; and when you awake, they will talk with you.



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Imitators Of God – Ephesians 4:1-2

Scriptural Instructions For A Child

- Listen to your parents - Proverbs 1:8
- Pay close attention - Proverbs 6:20–22
- Continue through life - Proverbs 23:22–25

Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old. Buy truth, and do not sell it; buy wisdom, instruction, and understanding. The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him. Let your father and mother be glad; let her who bore you rejoice.

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Imitators Of God – Ephesians 4:1-2

Scriptural Instructions For A Child

Obeying Instructions

- Requires love
- Requires trust
- Requires following

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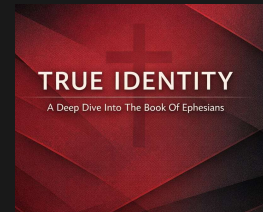
Imitators Of God – Ephesians 4:1-2

Scriptural Instructions For A Child

Obeying Instructions

Ultimate Demonstration

- “In the Lord” – obeying the Lord - Colossians 3:20
Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.



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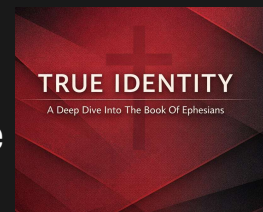
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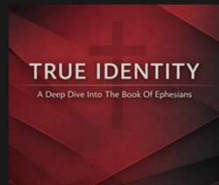
- “In the Lord” – obeying the Lord (Colossians 3:20)
- Demonstration of spiritual growth for children who have a relationship with Christ
- This is right
- Disobedience is wrong = sin
 - Interference of relationships in the home
 - Interference with relationship with God



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2 Timothy 3:1–5

But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

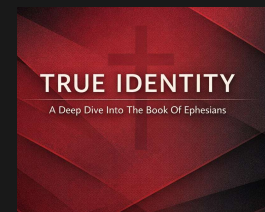


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HONOR vs. 2-3

Ongoing Continual Instruction

- First command for human interaction in the 10 Commandments - Exodus 20:12 (Deuteronomy 5:16)
 “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.”



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HONOR vs. 2-3

Ongoing Continual Instruction

- First command for human interaction in the 10 Commandments - Exodus 20:12 (Deuteronomy 5:16)
- Highlighted by Christ to demonstrate the sinfulness of the Pharisees - Matthew 15:4–6

“For God commanded, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ But you say, ‘If anyone tells his father or his mother, “What you would have gained from me is given to God,” he need not honor his father.’ So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God.”

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Ongoing Continual Instruction

- First command for human interaction in the 10 Commandments - Exodus 20:12 (Deuteronomy 5:16)
- Highlighted by Christ to demonstrate the sinfulness of the Pharisees - Matthew 15:4–6
- Included in the conversation with Christ and the rich young ruler – Matthew 19:19; Mark 10:19; Luke 18:20

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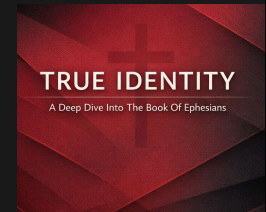
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Ongoing Continual Instruction

Principle Promise

- Go well with you
- You may live long in the land
- General promises not absolutes



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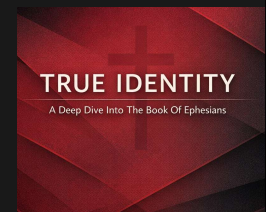
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Principle Promise

Lifelong Honoring

- Reflective living
- Preserving life (Matthew 15:4-6)
- “What if...”
 - Imitators of God
 - In the Lord

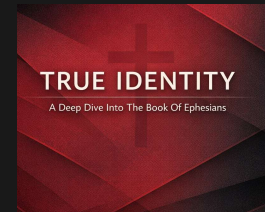


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LEAD vs. 4

The Head Of The Home – Fathers

- Do not provoke
 - Severe discipline
 - Harsh demands
 - Abuse of authority
 - Purposefully humiliation

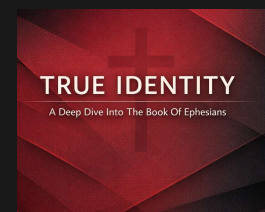


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- Do not provoke
- Ungodly actions that the reaction is anger
- Actions that discourage instead of encouraging



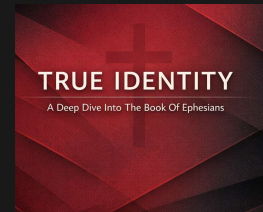
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But...

- Train, demonstrate, teach...
- Discipline –
 - Demonstration of self-control through the Holy Spirit to avoid the world
- Instruction –
 - Teaching and applying truths from God



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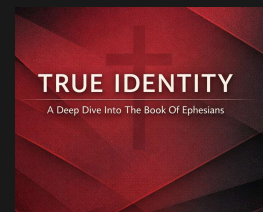
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But...

Co-parenting With A Purpose

- Principles and instruction for both parents
- Principles demonstrated through the father's and mother's marriage relationship
- Including grace, mercy, and forgiveness



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LEAD vs. 4

The Head Of The Home – Fathers

But...

Co-parenting With A Purpose

Continuing The Instruction

- Connection to Abrahamic Covenant - Genesis 18:19
“For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.”



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But...

Co-parenting With A Purpose

Continuing The Instruction

- Connection to Abrahamic Covenant - Genesis 18:19
- Living testimony of remembering the work of God - Deuteronomy 4:9
“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children—”



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But...

Co-parenting With A Purpose

Continuing The Instruction

- Connection to Abrahamic Covenant - Genesis 18:19
- Living testimony of remembering the work of God - Deuteronomy 4:9
- Recognizing the goodness of God – Psalm 78:4

We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

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But...

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Continuing The Instruction

The Home Is Core

- Demonstration of God's love for His children
- Anchor for culture – Proverbs 29:15-18

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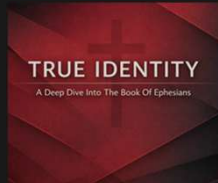
Proverbs 29:15–18

The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.

When the wicked increase, transgression increases, but the righteous will look upon their downfall.

Discipline your son, and he will give you rest; he will give delight to your heart.

Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law.



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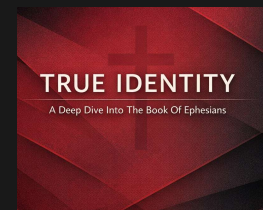
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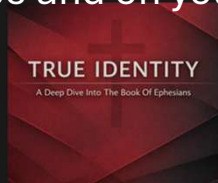
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- Starts at home - Deuteronomy 6:4–9



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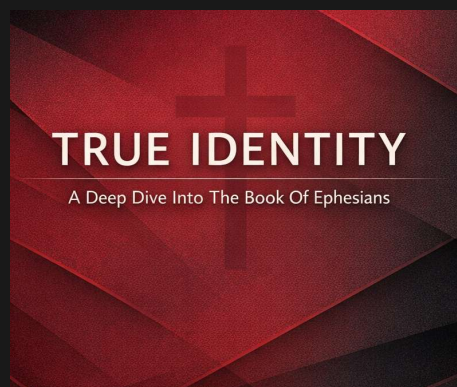
Deuteronomy 6:4–9

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”



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How Is Your Relationship With The Father?



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