

Parenting and Discipline

God's design for man's dilemma

Questions:

- Key Scripture: Prov 22:6
- God's Foundation for Parenting
 - Marriage results in a one flesh union (Heb 13:4)
 - A one flesh union may result in birthing children (Gen 1:28)
 - Children are a blessing from the Lord (Ps. 127:3-5)
 - Children are to be brought up in God's ways (nurture and admonition of the Lord) (Eph 6:4; Col 3:16)
 - Children provide a wonderful aspect to marriage (Ps 127:3-5)
 - Children provide a potential for marital conflict (Prov 22:6)
 - Parents need to determine ahead of time why they will birth children (Ps 127:3-5)
 - Parents need to determine ahead of time what expectations they will have for their children (Eph 6:4)
 - Parents need to determine ahead of time what will be done when their children do not obey. (Heb 12:6-11)
 - God's Word provide resources for parenting (Jas 1:5; Matt 6:33; Ps 37:4)
 - Parents need to have as their goal of parenting for their children to be reared to be lovers of God and followers of His Word (Eph 6:4; Col 3:16)
 - Parents need to discuss preconditioned parenting ideas since both have been brought up in different families with different family goals. (Prov 13)
 - Consider how they were reared
 - Consider how they wish they were reared
 - Consider how others were reared
 - Consider how God wants their children to be reared
 - Each parent brings different and preconceived ideas into their role of parenting
 - Decisions for parenting need to be based upon joint agreement upon God's Word and not their own experiences or ideas
 - Parenting produces disciples to become God-worshippers (Matt 22:37-38)

- Parenting helps children become independent of them and dependent upon God (Matt 22:37-38)
- Parenting helps children to serve the Lord with gladness (Ps 100:2)
- Scriptural example of obedience
 - Saul (I Samuel 15:1-23)
 - Abraham (Genesis 22)
- What is the goal of obedience (Eph 6:1-2)
 - Immediate response—Obey immediately
 - Complete response—obey completely
 - Willing response—obey willingly
 - Acceptable response—obey acceptably
- What are three overriding rules for the family
 - Children must always obey (Eph 6:4)
 - Children must always speak the truth (Eph 4:25)
 - Children must always respect others (Phil 2:3-4)
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- The goal of obedience requires parental goals during discipline (Eph 6:4)
 - Establish ahead of time the basis for disciplining children (disobedience)
 - Establish ahead of time the standard means of discipline (same each time)
 - Establish ahead of time the standard place for discipline (where)
 - Establish ahead of time the standard discipline policies (how many times)
 - Establish ahead of time that you will always remain in control (not angrily)
 - Establish ahead of time that you will always speak the truth in love (!!)
 - Establish reconciliation procedures (ALWAYS forgive and “I love you!”)
- Base your parenting expectations on scriptural principles
 - Colossians 3
 - I Cor 13
 - Eph 4
- Remember:
 - You are rearing your children to leave your home, to become less dependent upon you and more dependent upon God
 - It is not what a person “can do” that matters, it’s what he or she “should do.”
 - People may do anything they wish to do as long as God is pleased with it.