

The Art of Parenting

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An EQUIP series on biblical principles for godly parenting, which covers God's purpose for the family, corrective and formative discipline, family worship, boys and girls, and technology and social media.



Handout for Session 1

God's Purpose for the Family

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I. Significance of the Family

A. Three views from the world

§ Children as idols

§ Children as tools

§ Children as obstacles

B. God's view

§ Scripture teaches that a primary purpose of the family is nothing less presenting the whole world with a series of three portraits— of God's triune nature, the Gospel, and the church.

§ God's first command to humans

C. But what about sin?

II. The family is central to God's revelation...

A. The family presents a portrait of God Himself.

B. The family presents a portrait of the Gospel.

C. The family presents a portrait of the church.

Recommended Reading:

1. *God, Marriage, and Family* by Andreas Köstenberger
2. *Systematic Theology* by Wayne Grudem (Ch. 37)
3. *Knowing God* by J.I. Packer (Ch. 19)
4. *Sacred Parenting: How Raising Children Shapes Our Souls* by Gary Thomas
5. *Parenting: The 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family* by Paul David Tripp
6. www.capitolhillbaptist.org/resources/core-seminars/series/parenthood/



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1. Review – significance of children

o Scripture teaches that a primary purpose of the family is nothing less presenting the whole world with a series of three portraits—of God’s triune nature, the Gospel, and the church.

2. Two important caveats

o The significance of marriage

o The limits of the family in God’s plan of revelation

3. The family ministers to the local church

o A well-ordered family is a powerful, God-ordained, universal witness to the church of what it ought to be.

o The theme of I Timothy

§ “I am writing these things to you so that, if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God” (I Tim. 3:15)

o A beautiful symbiosis – the family blesses the church and the church blesses the family

o A question for singles

o A question for mothers

o A question for parents

4. The family ministers to the world

o Preparation for the Gospel

o Satan's attack

§ It seems he wants to disintegrate and distort the family beyond recognition so that the Gospel is as inaccessible to people as possible.

§ Example: gender interchangeability

o Our view

§ We should view building strong families as a form of ministry, and opening our homes to non-Christians as an increasingly valuable evangelistic opportunity.

§ The significance of the home—and homemakers—in Scripture

- Proverbs 31**
- John 14:2-4**
- Titus 2:5**

§ The significance of the home in evangelism

- At GBC**

- **Worldwide**

§ **The ministry of having children**

- **Conclusion – the family as a gulf stream**

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2. *Systematic Theology* by Wayne Grudem (Ch. 37)
3. *Recovering Biblical Manhood & Womanhood* by John Piper & Wayne Grudem (ed.) (Ch. 13)
4. *Father, Son, & Holy Spirit* by Bruce Ware
5. *Knowing God* by J.I. Packer (Ch. 19)
6. *Children of the Living God* by Sinclair Ferguson
7. *Adopted into God's Family* by Trevor J. Burke
8. www.capitolhillbaptist.org/resources/core-seminars/series/parenthood/



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1. What is worship?

**o The essential concept in Scripture is service to God,
with an attitude of fear and adoring awe and wonder.**

o Rom. 12:1

2. Does the Bible say families should worship God this way?

o Where? Deut. 6:1-2

o How? Deut. 6:6-9

o We learn from these passages that God's will for His people is that they and their children worship Him, meaning that they serve Him with every fiber of their being, in an attitude of awe and love, and that this requires His Word to be upon parents' hearts so they impress these commands on their children everywhere they go, during every part of the day.

3. Family worship requires daily teaching.

o Formal Daily Teaching Can be Wise.

§ Examples in Church history

· First Christians

- **Martin Luther**

- **Second London 1689 Confession**

- **Matthew Henry**

- **Charles Spurgeon**

o What should a family teaching-worship service be like?

§ Charles Spurgeon:

“I agree with Matthew Henry when he says, ‘They that pray in the family do well; they that pray and read the Scriptures do better; but they that pray, and read, and sing do best of all.’”

§ Bible reading

§ Prayer

§ Singing

§ Overall keys: brevity, regularity, and flexibility

o Daily teaching certainly must be informal.

§ God’s word is to be our constant subject of conversation.

§ It is not easy to keep God's word as our constant subject of conversation, so we need reminders.

§ If God's Word is to be our constant subject of conversation, we need to be together so that we can have those conversations.

4. Family worship requires our own radical change.

o Teaching our children God's word 24/7, to train our children to have hearts that long for awe-inspired service toward God, is only truly done when we are simply passing on what is already overflowing in our own hearts.

o Example of Timothy

o *Parents as sponges*

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1. *What the Bible Says About Parenting* by John MacArthur (Ch. 3)
2. *Family Worship: In the Bible, In Church History, and In Your Home* by Don Whitney
3. *Rediscovering the Lost Treasure of Family Worship* by Jerry Marcellino
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1. Introduction

A. Christianity is inherently familial

B. We want our relationships with our children to image for the world our relationship with God.

C. Our goals for our children

- **Ages 0-5 – training them to be people under authority**

- **Ages 6-12 – helping them grow in character**

D. How we often instinctively attempt this

E. Why this approach falls short

2. The importance of the heart

- **The heart is the well-spring of behavior; so behavior reveals what we worship.**

· **Prov. 4:23**

· **Mark 7:21**

Luke 6:45

- **Our parenting is often designed to control behavior.**
- **Of course, we must control behavior, but that must not be the whole story.**

3. Examples of how to reach the heart

- **1 year-old Jack**
- **2 year-old Christina**
- **4 year-old Sandra**
- **6 year-old Michael**

4. Common questions about heart-centered parenting

A. How can I expect obedience from the heart if my children aren't Christians?

B. Do I do this every time they disobey?

C. This is hard work, and I'm discouraged!

5. Conclusion

Recommended Reading:

1. *Shepherding a Child's Heart* by Tedd Tripp
2. *Give them Grace* by Elyse Fitzpatrick & Jessica Thompson
3. *Gospel-Powered Parenting* by William Farley
4. *What the Bible Says About Parenting* by John MacArthur
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Handout for Session 5

Obedience 101

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Obedience 101: What Do You Do When You Can't Get to the Heart?

1. Review

Last session: Getting to the Heart

Proverbs 4:23

2. Obedience 101 - Intro

Biblical parenting focuses on the heart, but we must deal with behavior as well. Sometimes we temporarily forgo “heart training” due to, for example:

- **Particular situations**
- **Developmental stages**

3. The Biblical Basis for Obedience

Eph 6:1, “Children, obey your parents...

- **...in the Lord...**

...for this is right.”

4. Definition of Obedience

Obedience is *the willing submission of one person to the authority of another.* Essentially:

- o My child does what I tell him *to do.*

- o My child refrains from doing what I tell him *not to do.*

For the child, obedience is more than just doing what he is told. It means doing what he is told—

- A. Without Challenge or Excuse

- B. Without Delay

- C. Without Grumbling or an Attitude

(A Practical Tip: Teach your children to come to you *before* you give them a command.)

5. Obedience from the Parent’s Perspective – several “calls”

- A. A Call to Consistency

B. A Call to the Same Standard

C. A Call to Training

D. A Call to Encouragement

E. A Call to Discernment

F. A Call to Graciousness

Recommended Reading:

1. *Shepherding a Child's Heart* by Tedd Tripp
2. *Instructing a Child's Heart* by Tedd and Margy Tripp
3. *Don't Make Me Count to Three!* by Ginger Plowman
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- **Cultural perceptions**

- **A critical word of caution**

- **Context is crucial**

2. Nature of children shows their need for the rod and the wisdom it imparts

- **By nature children are foolish**

- **A key tool for driving out foolishness is the rod**

- **The rod imparts wisdom by**
 - **providing an immediate, tactile demonstration of the foolishness of rebellion**

 - **imparting to the child a proper fear of punishment**

3. What is the rod?

The rod is a parent, in faith toward God and faithfulness toward his or her children, undertaking the responsibility of careful, timely, measured, and controlled use of physical punishment to underscore the importance of obeying God, and thus rescuing the child from continuing in his foolishness until death.

- **A parental exercise**

- **An act of faith**

- **An act of faithfulness**

- **A responsibility**

- **A physical punishment**

- **A rescue mission—The circle of safety (Eph. 6:1-3)**

4. When & how do I use the rod?

- **When**

When you have given a directive that your child has heard and understood, and is within his capacity to obey, and he has not obeyed without challenge, without excuse, or without delay

- **How**

- **Go to a private place.**

- **Tell him what he has done or failed to do. Never spank for “general purposes.”**
- **Secure an acknowledgement.**
- **Remind child that you’re not angry, but that you must obey God.**
- **Tell the child how many swats.**
- **Lay child across your lap.**
- **Administer swats.**
- **Take child onto lap, tell him how much you love him, and share Gospel.**
- **Check to see if there’s complete restoration. If not, check your spirit; then check his.**
- **Pray**

5. Frequently asked questions...

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2. *Shepherding a Child’s Heart* by Tedd Tripp (ch. 11, 15)
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