

Godly Families

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Relationship - Involvement - Honesty - Communication

- *There are no formulas for parenting. Parenting is by relationship only.*
- *Each child (each person) is different and unique. No two relationships are alike. The communication, rhythm and interaction of each relationship is different and unique.*
- *Relationships require the priority and commitment of time and effort.*
- *Children learn how to communicate from their parents. Children won't be honest and open to share their heart unless they first see you being honest and open. Children won't admit when they are wrong unless they first hear you admit that you're wrong.*

1 Peter 3:7-8 NASB

7 **You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding** (*gnosis - experiential knowledge, the act of knowing, a deeper and enlarged knowledge*) **way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.**

8 **To sum up, all of you be harmonious** (*homophrōn - of one mind*), **sympathetic** (*sympathēs - suffering with another, compassion*), **brotherly** (*philadelphos - family affection and love*), **kindhearted** (*eusplagchnos - strong bowels, tender-hearted, sympathetic*), **and humble in spirit** (*tapeinophrōn - friendly of mind, courteous, kind, from a humble opinion of oneself, humble-minded*).

Unconditional Love and Affection

- *Never make your family qualify for your love.*
- *Love them without conditions because of the love God has demonstrated to you.*
- *Choose to commit and love even though you know there will be failure(s).*
- *Love and embrace them the same way, to the same degree, in the good and the bad, the successes and the failures.*
- *Convince your children when they're young that you will always be there to love them, embrace them and care for them, no matter what they've done or what has happened.*
- *Loving unconditionally can mean the difference between Peter and Judas.*

Luke 22:31-34 NASB

31 "Simon, Simon, behold, **Satan has demanded permission to sift you** like wheat;

32 **but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."**

33 But he said to Him, "Lord, with You I am ready to go both to prison and to death!"

34 And He said, "I say to you, Peter, the rooster will not crow today until you have denied three times that you know Me."

Consistent, Constructive and Compassionate Discipline

- **Consistent Discipline** - *Teaches that Truth and good and evil are absolute, not subjective nor situational.*
- **Constructive Discipline** - *Discipline which is not destructive, abusive, vengeful, vindictive or injurious, but constructive, administered to bring understanding, temperance and maturity. Discipline is not the parent's revenge. Break the will, not the spirit.*
- **Compassionate Discipline** - *Administered in loving gentleness and mercy, not with anger, harshness or humiliation.*
 - *being mindful and sympathetic of the power of the flesh*
 - *having personally experienced the mercy and forgiveness of God*

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 NASB

4 "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!

5 "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

6 "These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart.

7 "**You shall teach them diligently to your sons 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 up.**"

Ephesians 6:4 NASB

4 **Fathers, do not provoke** (*parorgizō - exasperate, rouse to wrath*) **your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline** (*paideia - whole training and education, cultivation of mind and morals, disciplinary correction, chastening, correcting mistakes, curbing passions, increasing virtue*) **and instruction** (*nouthesia - calling attention to, warning, admonition, exhortation*) **of the Lord.**

Galatians 4:1-7 NASB

1 Now I say, as long as the heir is a child, **he does not differ at all from a slave** although he is owner of everything,

2 **but he is under guardians and managers** until the date set by the father.

3 So also we, while we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental things of the world.

4 **But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,**

5 so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

6 **Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"**

7 **Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.**

Psalms 103:13-14 NASB

13 **Just as a father has compassion on his children, So the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.**

14 **For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are but dust.**

Hebrews 2:17-18 NASB

17 Therefore, **He had to be made like His brethren in all things**, so that He might become **a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God**, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

18 For **since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.**

Example of Biblical Godliness

- *Words bring instruction to the mind, but your example goes far deeper, molding the heart, character and nature, making the child who they are.*
- *Your children may or may not hear what you say but they will be who and what you are.*
- *When you demonstrate and exemplify the Word of God in your words and actions, you're planting the seed of the nature and life of God in their hearts, which God promises will grow to maturity.*
- *Your family will see, hear and know Jesus in you even before they know Him themselves.*

Isaiah 55:11 NASB

11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; **It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.**

1 Corinthians 7:14 NASB

14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through her believing husband; for **otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy.**

Proverbs 22:6 NASB

6 **Train** (*chanak - to narrow, discipline, dedicate*) **up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it.**