

WELCOME!

Foundations for Parenting - Introductory Session

A few questions:

- 1) Why are _____ here today?
- 2) Why are _____ here today?
- 3) What are the _____ of this course?

1) The Bible is the _____

- A) Parenting is a Great _____ - (Psalm 127)
- B) Parenting is a Great _____ - (Deut. 6)
- C) Parenting is a Great _____ - (Deut. 21:18f)
- D) The family is a _____
 - * God established it (Genesis 2)
 - * It pictures Christ and the Church (Ephesians 5)
 - * Provides first example of godliness (1 Timothy 5:8)
 - * Qualification for leadership (1 Timothy 3; Titus 1)

2) There are two _____ upon which this seminars are based.

- * The belief that man is made in the _____ of God. (Gen. 1:27) "Reason"
- * The belief that man has since _____ that is depravity affects every are of his faculties.

3) Parenting is a _____ not a series of seminars..

Comments:

1) _____

2) _____

4) Parents are _____ for their children's moral behavior.

3) The Goals for the Class

- * Help parents pursue godliness
- * Help husbands and wives improve their relationship
- * Help parents raise morally responsible children
 - Give foundation of Biblical Ethics & establish a Biblical worldview
 - Separate truth from error; fact from opinion
 - Teach you how to train your child's heart, not just their behavior
- * Give confidence in parenting goals and how to achieve them - look forward to the teen years
- * Facilitate relationships among like-minded parents
- * Instill our vision into others, that they may teach others

Parenting 101a - Foundations of Parenting, Roles of Husband & Wife

Introduction

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God's Design for the Family - Genesis 2

The Role of the Wife:

1 Corinthians 11:8-9

Feminine or Feminist

The Fall & Marriage

Ephesians 5 - Walking in Wisdom, Being Filled with the Spirit, Submission

Submission of the Wife

Ephesians 5:22 -

1 Peter 3:1-6

Limits to Submission

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Respect of the Husband - Ephesians 5:33

The Role of the Husband

Headship - Ephesians 5:23; 1 Corinthians 11:3

Mutual Submission - Ephesians 5:21

Love as Christ Loves the Church - Ephesians 5:25-27

Love as Your Own Body - Ephesians 5:28-29

Love as Yourself - Ephesians 5:33

Summary & Importance of Marriage in Parenting

Parenting 101b - Foundations of Parenting - The Role of Children
Ephesians 6:1-3 / Colossians 3:21

Introduction

Open Fields

Man's sin brings evil

Modern Philosophy & Psychology

Brats

Teen Rebellion

Restricted Stalls

Children motivated by fear

Rebellion, Conformity, Legalism

Keeping it Balanced

Continuation of Mankind (Gen. 1:28)

Continuation of the Knowledge of God (Deut. 6:4-7; Psalm 78:5; Eph. 6:4)

Be a Blessing (Psalm 127:3-5)

The Role of Children (Eph. 6:1)

Role - To Learn

Responsibility - To Obey

Self-Control, Mental & Physical

Consideration of Others

Limitations

Honoring Parents (Ex. 20:12; Ephesians 6:3,4)

General Promise

Specific Promise

Honor: Respect & Consideration

Honor with Joy

Honor out of Duty

Summary

Introduction

Prohibitions on Parents - Colossians 3:21, Ephesians 6:4

The idea of exasperation (ἐρεθίζω / erethizô)

Lose heart (ἀθυμέω / athumeô)

1) Abuse: Physical and verbal

2) Inconsistency.

3) Parental Selfishness

4) Favoritism

5) Excessive Expectations and Discouragement

6) Using affection to manipulate

Prescriptions on Parents - Ephesians 6:4

To “*bring them up*” (ἐκτρέφω / ektrephō)

Discipline (παιδεία / paideia)

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Instruction (νουθεσία / nouthesia)

Proverbs 1:2-6

Of the Lord

Parenting 101d - Foundations of Parenting
Goals and Priorities, and the Importance of Family Identity

Introduction - Setting Goals & Priorities

What are your goals?

What do you want your children to achieve?

What do you want your children to be like when they have become adults and leave your home?

Which Wisdom?

James 3:15-17

1 Corinthians 1:19-25

Worldly Wisdom's Influence

Defining Success by Godly Wisdom

The Greatest Goal

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

The first element of foolishness found in Christian parenting occurs when something other than teaching their children to know and love God and keep His commandments becomes more important

Godly Wisdom, Godly Goals

Proverbs 22:15

Deuteronomy 10:12-13

Micah 6:8

Justice

Ecclesiastes 12:13–14

Kindness (mercy, goodness)

1 Peter 3:8-9

Humility

1 Peter 5:5; Ephesians 2:8

Romans 12:3

Trustworthy / Faithful

Honesty

Family Identity

Importance

A. Cultivate a place to belong

B. Verbalize your own commitment to your family

3. Be other-oriented

Recommended Parenting Resources

Websites

http://gracebibleny.org/category/sermons/family_marriage_children

<https://growingfamilies.life/>

Materials from Growing Families USA (All materials by Gary & Ann Marie Ezzo)

Streaming Resources (Free - Comprehensive Study Guides available at cost)

* *Preparation for Parenting* (Birth to 5 months)

* *Babyhood Transitions* (5-12 months)

† *Preparation for the Toddler Years* (12-18 months)

† *Toddler Transitions* (18-36 months)

† *Potty Training 1-2-3* (22+ months)

* *Protecting the Innocence of Children*

† *Parenting From the Tree of Life* (3yrs to Adolescence)

† *Growing Kids God's Way* (Core Curriculum - 3-12 yrs)

† *Life the Middle Years* (8-12 years)

* = Also available on USB Flash Drive

† = Also available on DVD

Books

On Becoming Babywise I (Birth to 5 months)

On Becoming Babywise II (5-12 months)

On Becoming Pretoddlerwise (12-18 months)

On Becoming Toddlerwise (18-36 months)

On Becoming Preschoolwise (3-4 years)

On Becoming Childwise (4-8 years)

On Becoming Preteenwise (8-12 years)

On Becoming Teenwise (13-19 years)

Reaching the Heart of your Teen

Books:

Shepherding Your Child's Heart, Tedd Tripp

Instructing a Child's Heart, Tedd & Margy Tripp

Age of Opportunity, Paul Tripp (adolescence)

What Every Child Should Know Along the Way, Gail Martin (*Teaching practical life skills in every stage of life*)

Creative Family Times, Allen & Connie Hadidian (*Practical activities for building character in Your Preschooler*)

Toilet Training in Less than A Day, Nathan Azrin

The Shaping of a Christian Family, Elizabeth Elliot (*Practical general guide for Christian family life*)

A Hive of Busy Bees, Effie M. Williams (*Character sketches to read to your children*)

Selected Verses on What God Expects of Parents

Exodus 10:2 - *And that you may tell in the hearing of your son, and of your grandson, how I made a mockery of the Egyptians, and how I performed My signs among them; that you may know that I am the Lord. (Exodus 12:26,27; 13:8,14)*

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 - *Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart; and 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. And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (Deut. 11:18-21)*

Deuteronomy 32:46 *Take to your heart all the words with which I am warning you today, which you shall command your sons to observe carefully, even all the words of this law.*

Joshua 8:35 *There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel with the women and the little ones and the strangers who were living among them.*

Psalms 78:1-8 *Listen, O my people, to my instruction; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, Which we have heard and known, And our fathers have told us. We will not conceal them from their children, But tell to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, And His strength and His wondrous works that He has done. For He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers, That they should teach them to their children, That the generation to come might know, even the children yet to be born, That they may arise and tell them to their children, That they should put their confidence in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments, And not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation, A generation that did not prepare its heart, And whose spirit was not faithful to God.*

Psalms 103:13 *Just as a father has compassion on his children, So the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.*

Proverbs 13:22 *A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, And the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.*

Proverbs 13:24 *He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him diligently.*

Proverbs 19:18 *Discipline your son while there is hope, And do not desire his death.*

Proverbs 22:6 *Train up a child in the way he should go (according to his own way), Even when he is old he will not depart from it.*

Proverbs 22:15 *Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of discipline will remove it far from him.*

Proverbs 23:13,14 *Do not hold back discipline from the child, Although you smite him with the rod, he will not die. You shall smite him with the rod, And delivers his soul from Sheol.*

Proverbs 29:15,17 *The rod and reproof give wisdom, But a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother. Correct your son, and he will give you comfort; He will also delight your soul.*

Isaiah 66:13 *As one whom his mother comforts, so will I comfort you.*

Matthew 10:37 *He that loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.*

Luke 6:40 *A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher.*

Ephesians 6:4 *And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.*

Colossians 3:21 - *Fathers, do not exasperate your children, that they may not lose heart."*

1 Thessalonians 2:11 *just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children.*

I Timothy 5:8 *If anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever.*

Titus 2:4 - *That they may train the young women to love their husbands, to love their children...*

Hebrews 12:7-11 *It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, that we may share His holiness. All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.*

SUMMARY

There are many more verses that apply to parenting, but in summary, God expects parents to:

- 1) Know and love God,
- 2) Diligently teach the child about God and His love,
- 3) Model a godly lifestyle before the child in every area of life,
- 4) Love, care and nurture the child,
- 5) Provide for the physical needs of the child,
- 6) Encourage the child to righteousness,
- 7) Admonish/correct/discipline the child away from foolishness and evil.