

Lecture#3

# Parenting:

## God's Purpose and Man's Mandate

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# OUTLINE

- Parenting - Biblical View
- Parenting views – Secular View
- Parenting – Helpful Bible Verses
- Discipline
- Parenting Styles
- Keys for successful parenting

# Views on Parenting



1-Traditional/Cultural  
View



2- Modern/Secular  
View



3-Biblical/Christian  
View

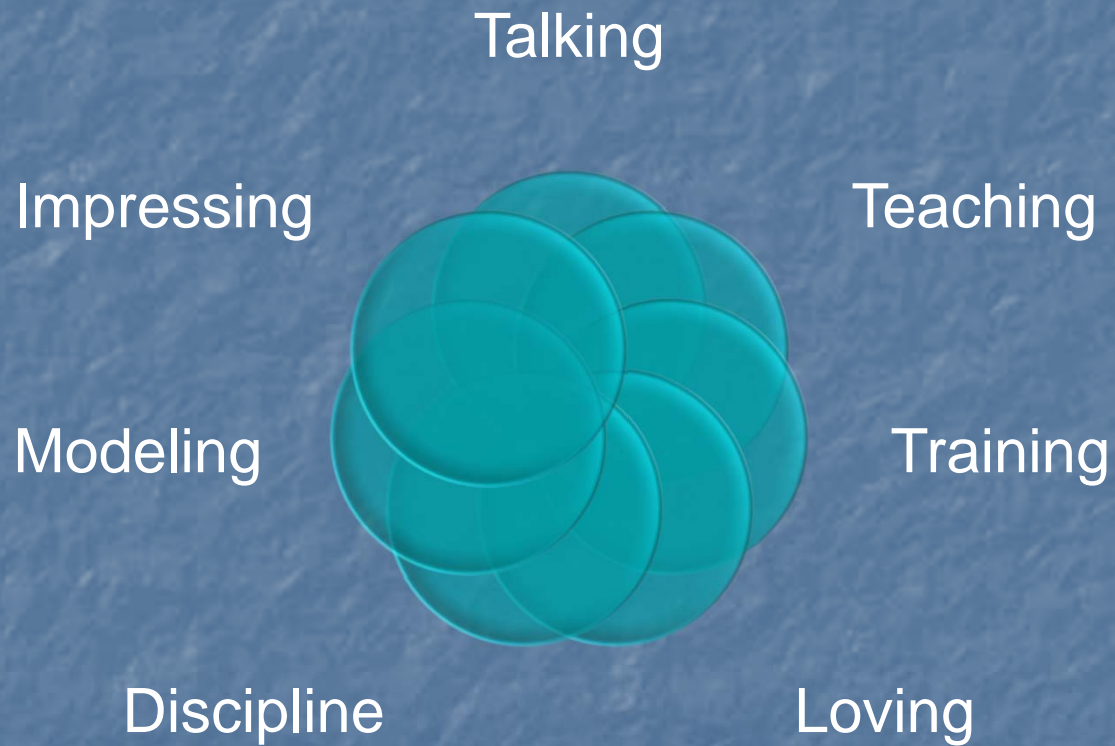
# Parenting Challenges

1. Staying in church and holding on to the faith
2. Socio-cultural Issues
3. Parenting conflicts
4. Marriage conflicts
5. Church and Leadership
6. Media
7. External Challenges/peer pressure
8. Substance abuse related Issues

# Parenting Defined

- Parenting is the process of promoting and supporting the physical, emotional, social, spiritual and intellectual development of a child from infancy to adulthood.

# Parenting: Talking to Impressing



# Children are God's unique blessings

- Children are a gift from the LORD
- Children are a reward from God
- Children are like sharp arrows in a warrior's hands (Ps. 127:3-5)

# Parenting as a Mission

- Parenting is God's crucially important mission
- God has delegated this mission to parents
- To bless families
- Accomplish God's purpose through families.



# Parenting as a Mission

- Legacy
- Impact the world
- Great instruments for God
- Share gospel and bring many to Christ
- Church planters, model citizens
- Magnificent part of parenting

# Living a Life Worthy of Legacy

- We must give proper emphasis to the fact that good parenting produces good kids.
  - Fear the Lord and obey Him
  - Recognize the world's needs and respond with compassion and action
  - Pray as a couple that God will use you to accomplish His purposes
  - Help your mate be a better steward of his gifts and abilities

Sow a thought and you reap an act;  
Sow an act and you reap a habit;  
Sow a habit and you reap a character;  
Sow a character and you reap a destiny.

# Goals of Parenting: Secular View

- Build responsibility
- Develop courage
- Develop cooperation

# Parenting is Exciting, Fun, Challenging

- Identity is forming, but still fluid
- Intelligence is growing, but risk taking is still high
- Very focused on peers, but family still important
- Rules without relationship leads to rebellion

# The 6 Habits of Pretty Effective Parents

## *Steven R. Covey*

1. Develop and maintain respect for children
2. Learn to listen to children
3. Realize that you are a role model
4. Focus on positives
5. Be willing to discipline and set limits
6. Have confidence in yourself as a parent

# The Felt Needs of Children

- Love
- Respect
- Role models
- Guidance
- A good listening ear
- Time to be involved in them
- Interest in them and their world





# HOW TO DEAL WITH CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOR TANTRUMS



**Ignore for sometime**



**Give Child Some Space**



**Create a Diversion**



**Find Out What's Really Frustrating the child**



**Hugs**

# METHODS TO TRAIN CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOR TANTRUMS



**Offer Food or Suggest a Little Recreation**



**Give Incentive to Behave**



**Speak Calmly**



**Laugh It Off**



**Get Out of There**

# Helpful Bible Verses: Bible Verse For Parents

- All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work (2 Tim 3:16-17)
- Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6)

# Helpful Bible Verses for Parenting: *For Parents*

- Make them known to your sons and your grandsons... They may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children (Deut 4:9-10)
- Let our sons in their youth be as grown-up plants, And our daughters as corner pillars fashioned as for a palace (Ps 144:12)

# Helpful Bible Verses:

## *Bible Verse For Fathers*

- And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. (Eph 6:4)
- Fathers, do not exasperate your children, that they may not lose heart (Col. 3:21)
- The rod and reproof give wisdom, But a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother. (Prov 29:15)

# Helpful Bible Verses:

## *Bible Verse For Children*

- Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"-which is the first commandment with a promise (Ephesians 6:1-2)
- Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. (Col 3:20)
- My son, keep your father's commands and do not forsake your mother's teaching (Prov 1:8; 6:20)
- Deut 6:1-8; Ps 103:17-18; Proverbs 6:20

## Parenting with Purpose:

Give them a goal to work toward. Give them a pattern that they can see clearly, and you give them something that gold and silver cannot buy. — *Billy Graham*

“The Christians who have turned the world upside down have been men and women with a vision in their hearts and the Bible in their hands.” —*T.B. Maston*

## Luke 2:42-48

- When He was twelve years old... they found Him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard Him was amazed at His understanding and His answers.



## Psalm 103:17-18

- But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children - with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

# Discipline

- The Bible says that, “If you love your children, you will be prompt to discipline them.”  
(Proverbs 13:24)
- “The parent must convince himself that discipline is not something he does to the child; it is something he does for the child.”—  
*James C. Dobson*

# God's instruction to Israel

- And now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to observe the LORD's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good? Deut 10:12-13
  - Fear the LORD
  - Walk in His ways
  - Love Him
  - Serve Him wholeheartedly
  - Follow his commands

# Eli's Unrestrained Kids

- His sons were totally out of control
- Disobedience and rebellion
- No regard for the LORD
- Did not listen to their father's rebuke
- Priesthood left Eli's family

# David and His Children

1 Kings 1:5,6 Now Adonijah, whose mother was Haggith, put himself forward and said, “I will be king.” So he got chariots and horses ready, with fifty men to run ahead of him.

- David may have been a man after God’s own heart in many areas, but he failed as a father.

# What is Discipline?

- **Instruction** – teach the child the right way to go
- **Training** – working with the child, help him or her to learn
- **Correction** – change the behavior or response

# Training and Discipline

- Bring them up in the training and instruction
- The whole training and education of children to cultivate their minds and morals
- Whatever cultivates the soul, esp. to correct mistakes and curb passions?



# Principles of Discipline

## ***Heb 12:5-13***

- Motivates discipline (v6)
- Shows that the child is yours (v8)
- Good of the child, not the parent (v10)
- Develop godly qualities in the child (v10)
- Not a joyful occasion (v11)
- Yields harvest of righteousness –right behavior (v11)
- Strengthens the weak areas of our lives (v12-13)



# Ways to Exasperate Children:

1. Unclear Expectations
2. Demands beyond their ability
3. Unexpected Anger
4. Undue Severity
5. Partiality
6. Inconsistent Discipline



# Ways children are discouraged:

- Continual fault finding
- Ridiculing them as persons
- High on demands; low on praise
- High on control; low on support
- Cursing at them
- “You are just like your father”
- “Why can’t you be more like ?”



# PARENTING STYLES

# COMPONENTS OF PARENTING

## 1. Parental Responsiveness (Supportiveness)

- The extent to which parents intentionally foster the child's uniqueness, self-discipline, and self-assertion by being connected, supportive, and accepting children's special needs and demands.

## 2- Parental Demandingness (Parental control)

- The standards, responsibilities and consequences parents have for their children inside the family, with their peers and within the larger community

# 1- AUTHORITARIAN PARENTING

- **High demands and low love**
  - Traditional parenting style
  - controlling, strict and demand instant obedience
  - Little open communication
- **Children from Authoritarian families tend to be:**
  - Withdrawn or apathetic
  - shy (girls); hostile (boys)
  - Unmotivated; Incompetent
  - low self-esteem as adults
  - More likely to be lead by others.



**Giving orders**

# 2- AUTHORITATIVE PARENTING

- High demands and high loving
- A balance of freedom and responsibility.
- Children from Authoritative families tend to be:
  - self assertive
  - independent
  - Friendly, cooperative
  - Motivated, competent



**Giving Choices**

## 3-UNINVOLVED PARENTING

- Low demands and low responsiveness
- Lack of emotional involvement and supervision
- Children from uninvolved families tend to be;
  - Unmotivated, indifferent
  - Destructive, detached
  - socially incompetent
  - little interaction between the parent and child.



**Giving Up**

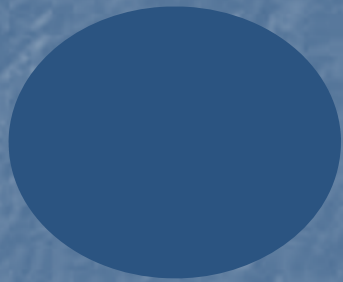
# 4- PERMISSIVE PARENTING

- Low demands and high responsiveness
- Indulgent and tolerant.
- Children from Permissive families tend to be:
  - Impulsive, dependent
  - Undisciplined, immature, manipulative
  - socially competent, self-centered



**Giving In**





# KEYS TO SUCCESSFUL PARENTING

# KEY# 1-A SOLID FOUNDATION



# KEY#2: CLEAR DIRECTION



# KEY#3: BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

- A mental and spiritual lens through which parents interpret reality
- Parent's best effort to think like Jesus



# KEY#4: COMPELLING VISION

Young people should know why they should obey the scriptures:

- the essentials of theology
- the experience of spiritual discipline and community.



## KEY#5: A POWERFUL MESSAGE

- Parents need a powerful message that can transform their children to build a generation for God's kingdom



# KEY#6: EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

## Positive communication:

- Components of the message: Words (7%); Tone (38%); Non verbal (55%)
- Children need to see, hear, and experience love, appreciation, encouragement, discipline and instruction
  - Parent's heart, character, and love
  - I love you, I'm proud of you, You're good



# KEY#6: EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

## **Negative communication:**

- Denying parents feelings
- Denying children's feelings
- Sending vague messages
- Thinking parents understand
- Not paying attention
- Hurting or teasing children on purpose
- Acting in ways that don't match parents words



# KEY#6: EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

- **Good Communication Skills**
- Say exactly what you mean
- Focus on behavior rather than personality
- Ask questions
- Focus on what child is saying
- Try to understand what the child is feeling
- Take time out to listen well
- When there is a conflict, fight fairly

## KEY#7: UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

- The way in which parents listen to each other; speak to each other; discipline children, and involve in the lives of children
- Shepherding a child's heart
  - I Accept you as you are
  - I Believe you are valuable
  - I Care when you are hurt
  - I Desire only what is best for you
  - I Erase all offenses

# KEY#8: INFLUENTIAL LEADERSHIP

## SIX "A'S" TO POSITIVE INFLUENCE

Limits { Accountability  
Authority

Love { Acceptance  
Appreciation  
Affection  
Availability

What do we need to be mindful...

# KEY#8: INFLUENTIAL LEADERSHIP

## Parents need to...

- Provide clear direction/vision
- Obedience to the Revealed Truth
- Follow the direction
- Practice our Faith, prayer
- Rules with relationship
- Teach, train, model and impress our children
- Unconditional love, prayer, support and care

# God the Father said to His Son, Jesus

- Matthew 3:17 And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.”
- Matthew 17:5 While [Peter] was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. Listen to Him!”

# KEYS FOR SUCCESSFUL PARENTING

1. Solid foundation
2. Clear direction
3. Biblical World View
4. Compelling Vision
5. Powerful message
6. Effective Communication
7. Unconditional Love
8. Influential Leadership

“He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse.” *Malachi 4:6*

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