

Marriage and Parenting Principles

Specific Roles From God

1. A Wife is called to ____HELP____ Her Husband (Genesis 2:18)

The same word translated “helper” in Genesis 2:18 is regularly used in reference to God as well.

Psalm 54:4 Behold, God is my helper, the Lord is the sustainer of my soul.

Hebrews 13:6 so that we confidently say, “The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?”

2. A Wife is Called to ____SUBMIT____ to Her Husband (Ephesians 5:22)

a. Submission Defined

From the Greek word hupotasso- a military term meaning to voluntarily place oneself under the authority/leadership of another.

b. Submission is Necessary

c. Submission is ____commanded____.

i. To all Believers (Ephesians 5:21)

ii. To Wives Specifically (Ephesians 5:22-24, I Peter 3:1)

3. A Wife is Called to ____RESPECT____ Her Husband (Ephesians 5:33)

a. Respect Defined

A commitment to intentionally and consistently think, speak, and act in ways that show honor and value for another.

b. Respect in Practice

A woman’s relationship with her Savior determines the strength of her relationship towards her husband. This is also true of the strength of her parenting.

Parenting Truths From God

1. Every Child is a ___GIFT_____ From the Lord (Psalm 127:3-5)
2. How One Parents is Driven By What They _TREASURED_____ (Matthew 6:19-21)
3. A Parent's Main Job is Summed Up In the _Great Commission – Make Disciples_ (Matthew 28:18-20)

Two Unbiblical Approaches To Parenting

1. A _PARENT_____ -Centered Home

a. Definition- a parent-centered home revolves around the pleasure, comfort, goals, desires, and will of the parents. Discipline focuses on how the child's behavior negatively impacts the parents.

b. Characteristics of a Parent-Centered Home

Control, Hypocrisy, Inconsistency, Pride, Busyness, Impatience, Perfection

2. A _____ CHILD _____ - Centered Home

a. Definition- a child-centered home revolves around the pleasure, comfort, goals, desires, and will of the child. Discipline and consequences are inconsistent or withheld in order to maximize "peace".

b. Characteristics of a Child-Centered Home

Minimal Consequences, Demanding Attitude, No Responsibility, Lack of Parental Leadership

A Biblical Approach to Parenting

1. A ___GOD_____ -Directed Home

a. Definition- a God-Directed Home is one in which everyone is committed to pleasing and serving God. God's desires are exalted over everyone else's desires.

b. Characteristics of a God-Directed Home

2. A POSITIVE Command God Gives to Parents (Ephesians 6:4)

- a. Instruction- Teaching Foundational Principles as a Lifestyle that is Modeled by the Parents
- b. Discipline- Modeled by the Father (Hebrews 12:5-11) and Done in Love (Revelation 3:19)

3. The Process of DISCIPLINE

- a. Accept that discipline is a parent's Responsibility.
- b. Communicate the expectations clearly.
- c. Recognize and praise behavior that matches the expectations.
- d. Have the discipline fit the offense.
- e. Help your child understand their sin.
- f. Verbalize your love for your child.
- g. Carry out the discipline.
- h. Reaffirm your love and pray with your child.
- i. Be consistent with your expectations and your discipline.