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Helping To Put It Together...
And To Keep It That Way!

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Empowerment Parenting Workshop
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BASIC PRINCIPLES OF PARENTING

▪ PRIVILEGE AND RESPONSIBILITY

Parents are given the privilege and have the solemn responsibility to bring up their children in a manner that is pleasing to God and trains them to understand the principles of Scripture. This will result in the blessings of the Lord. Failing to bring up children according to God's Word will result in heartache and grief.

(Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Proverbs 10:1, 13:18, 17:25, 22:6, 29:17; Colossians 1:10; James 1:25)

▪ GODS PRINCIPLES ARE APPLICABLE TO ALL

God's principles and precepts are applicable to parents and children alike. Parents are to be on one accord as they teach the Scriptures to their children in a way that is pleasing to the Lord. God's standards and goals are the same for you and in every member of your family.

(Proverbs 22:6; Isaiah 55:8-11; Luke 6:40; Romans 8:29; I Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 6:1-4; Colossians 3:20; II Timothy 3:16-17; I Peter 1:14-16; II Peter 1:3-10)

▪ PARENTS MUST UNDERSTAND THE AUTHORITY OF THE SCRIPTURES

Since God's Word applies to individuals of every age level, it is important that every person in a family understand that the Bible is the only standard by which they must live. Other standards tend to borrow pieces from the Word of God. However, Scripture is totally sufficient to give direction for all of life, including the area of parent-child relationships. No other authority is necessary or adequate to take its place of support its teachings.

(Deuteronomy 6:5-7; Psalm 19:7-11, 119:89, 105, 130; Proverbs 30:5-6; Isaiah 55:5-11; I Corinthians 3:19-20; II Timothy 3:14-17; Hebrew 4:12; 11 Peter 1:3-4)

*Exerts from: Self-Confrontation, A Manual for In-Depth Discipleship – Developed by John C. Broger

▪ **DISOBEDIENCE LEADS TO CORRECTIVE DISCIPLINE BY GOD**

God has set forth His standards clearly and specifically throughout Scripture. If you and every member of your family will live according to them, you will all receive the blessings of the Lord. However, those neglecting or disobeying God's standards will receive His corrective discipline.

(Matthew 5:2-12; Luke 11:28; John 13:12-17; I Corinthians 11:31-32; Hebrews 12:5-11; James 1:22-25)

▪ **UNGODLY COUNSEL AND "COMMON SENSE" CAN LEAD TO DISASTER**

Many of man's philosophies for the rearing of children typically arise from individual experiences. Even Christians often look to ungodly counsel or to "common sense," rather than to the sole authority and totally sufficient standard of the Scriptures.

(Deuteronomy 4:9, 6:6-9, 13-14, 17, 20-25; Ephesians 4:11-20; II Timothy 3:16-17; Titus 1:10-11; 11 Peter 1:3-10)

▪ **EXAMINE YOURSELF**

Parents, be careful to examine your own walk in Jesus Christ as you guide your children in the ways of the Lord. Start discussing and planning the training of our children even before they are born. Pray consistently as you learn and practice scriptural directives for raising your children. After your children are born, firmly hold to your commitment to follow God's Word in training each child according to his age and training needs.

(Psalm 37:4-5; Proverbs 16:3, 22:6; Matthew 7:1-5; I Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 4:1-3, 6:4; I Thessalonians 5:17)

▪ **NOT PRACTICING BIBLICAL LOVE PROVOKES CHILDREN TO ANGER**

Parents provoke their children to anger by not practicing biblical love, not considering their children as more important than themselves, and not dying to self to become a servant to the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Matthew 5:43-48; Mark 10:42-45; Luke 9:23-24; I Corinthians 13: 4-8a; Galatians 5:14; Ephesians 6:4; Philippians 2:3-4; Colossians 3:21; I Peter 4:8; I John 4:7-8)

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▪ **PARENTING MUST BE THOUGHTFUL AND INDIVIDUAL**

To instruct children in God's way requires that you live each moment to please the Lord in a deliberate and thoughtful manner. When you teach children, you must take into consideration each child's level of spiritual understanding and ability.

(Deuteronomy 6:6-9; Proverbs 22:6; Romans 12:1-2; I Thessalonians 2:5-8; I Timothy 1:5; III John 1:4)

▪ **CHILDREN ARE NOT YOUR POSSESSION**

While raising your children you must remember that they are not your "possessions", but instead are God's gift to you. You are to exercise faithful stewardship in their lives.

(Psalm 19:7-11, 24:1, 127:3-5a; Proverbs 22:6; Ezekiel 18:4, 20:1; I Corinthians 4:2; Ephesians 6:4; I Thessalonians 2:3-13)

▪ **PARENTS MUST EXPRESS BIBLICAL LOVE**

Consistently disciplining (training, educating, correcting) your child in a manner that is pleasing to the Lord is an expression of biblical love. It also is a step of obedience for you as a parent and provides godly direction for your child.

(Proverbs 13:24, 19:18, 23:13; Hebrew 12:5-13)

▪ **PARENTS MUST SET ASIDE TIME FOR FAMILY DEVOTIONS**

In addition to teaching your children throughout the day, you must set aside specific, planned times to worship the Lord and learn His Word together. Conducting family devotions requires planning and diligence if this godly practice is to develop and be maintained in your home.

(Deuteronomy 4:9; Psalm 95:6-7a, 145:1-7; Matthew 28:20a; John 4:23-24; Ephesians 5:15-17; Colossians 3:16; II Timothy 2:1-2, 3:14-15)