

# Parental Responsibilities: Instruction (Pt. 2)

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## Biblical Parenting Class - Week #5

*"You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:14-16*

### I. Understand the Need for Instructing your Children

- Proverbs 1:1–4
- Children are naive and need instruction.

### II. Embrace your Responsibility for Instructing your Children

- Proverbs 1:8–9
- Deuteronomy 6:4–7
- Psalm 78:5

### III. Remember your Goal in Instructing your Children

- That they would learn (the Scripture and the Gospel)
- That they would be convinced of what they have learned
- That they would continue in what they have learned

### IV. Recognize your Example IS Instructing your Children

"To give children good instruction, and a bad example, is but beckoning to them with the head to show them the way to heaven, while we take them by the hand and lead them in the way to hell."

-Archbishop Tillotson (quoted by J.C. Ryle in *The Duties of Parents*)

- Your life speaks volumes to your children

"To successfully learn spiritual convictions from others and to hold them as your own, it is necessary not only to hear them clearly taught, but to see them consistently lived."

-John MacArthur, *2 Timothy MacArthur NT Commentary*

- Your worship is contagious for your children
- Your marriage preaches the gospel to your children

## V. Prioritize Scripture in Instructing your Children

- Because Scripture gives wisdom for salvation
- Because Scripture is \_\_\_\_\_ for:
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Therefore...

- Scripture must be the primary \_\_\_\_\_ of our instruction
- Scripture must fill our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as parents
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture
  - \_\_\_\_\_ on Scripture

## VI. Emphasize the \_\_\_\_\_ in Instructing your Children

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel
- The \_\_\_\_\_ for the Gospel
- The \_\_\_\_\_ to the Gospel

- Be careful not to:
  1. \_\_\_\_\_ a response to the gospel
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ assure the child of their salvation

VII. Be \_\_\_\_\_ in Instructing your Children (Deuteronomy 6:1-9)  
*\*Intentional Parenting, by Tad Thompson*

- Through \_\_\_\_\_ Instruction
- Family Worship—Bible Reading/Bible Study
  - \*Rediscovering the Lost Treasure of Family Worship, by Jerry Marcellino*
  - \*Family Worship, by Donald Whitney*

Hebrews 2:1 - *For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.*

1. Have a \_\_\_\_\_
2. Have a regular \_\_\_\_\_
3. Involve the \_\_\_\_\_
4. Make it \_\_\_\_\_
5. Be \_\_\_\_\_ but not \_\_\_\_\_
6. Encourage \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
7. Be \_\_\_\_\_ in application
8. Require \_\_\_\_\_

- Catechism Questions
- Scripture Memory
- Good Music
- Good Books/Movies

- Family Prayer
- Through \_\_\_\_\_ Interaction
  - \**Everyday Talk: Talking Freely and Naturally about God with Your Children*, John A. Younts

"Moses understood that God's truth cannot effectively be taught if it is confined to the home or classroom. How will our children believe that the Bible is about all of life if we only talk about it during the Bible lesson? ...To put it another way, discipleship is most effectively accomplished when the practice is integrated into the rhythm of everyday life. A consistent time of family worship, for example, is a great discipleship practice, but it is no substitute for a lifestyle of discipleship that encompasses the breakfast table, the car, bedtime, errands, and chores. There is not a single moment in life that cannot be used as an opportunity for instruction"

-Tad Thompson, *Intentional Parenting*, p. 59

- Flowing from your own \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- Responding to the \_\_\_\_\_ of life
- Responding to the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ of your kids
- Through \_\_\_\_\_ Discipline
  - Addressing their \_\_\_\_\_
    - Proverbs 4:23
    - Matthew 15:18-19
  - Using the \_\_\_\_\_
    - \**Wise Words for Moms*, Ginger Hubbard
  - Appealing to their \_\_\_\_\_
    - Nathan and David

- Use of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

"When using the Scripture for the purpose of conviction, you should take aim at the conscience of your children. You must try to disturb any complacency and indifference to sin and awaken him to the fact that he [or she] has done, or not done, something that is displeasing to God...one of the most effective ways of awakening the conscience of others to their sin is by asking them questions..."

-Lou Priolo, *Teach them Diligently*

- Directing toward the \_\_\_\_\_

"The central focus of childrearing is to bring children to a sober assessment of themselves as sinners... The focal point of your discipline and correction must be your children seeing their utter inability to do the things that God requires unless they know the help and strength of God... Discipline leads to the cross of Christ where sinful people are forgiven."

-Tedd Tripp, *Shepherding a Child's Heart*

### Questions for Reflection

1. How are you/will you develop your knowledge of Scripture so that you can better impart that truth to your children? Are there some specific verses you should memorize so you can more easily regularly share them with your children?
2. What is/will be your plan for "formal instruction" and "family worship"? When/how will you implement this plan if you are not currently doing it? How will you seek to faithfully maintain this practice in your family?
3. What opportunities for informal interaction are you failing to make the most of? Why is this? What distracts you? How will you seek to grow in this way?
4. How can you be more intentional to instruct your children during times of discipline?

# Recommended Resources for Parents

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## Resources about Parenting

*Intentional Parenting: Family Discipleship by Design*, by Tad Thompson

*Everyday Talk: Talking Freely and Naturally about God with Your Children*, by John A. Younts

*Gospel-Powered Parenting: How the Gospel Shapes and Transforms Parenting*, by William P. Farley

*Gospel-Centered Family*, by Ed Moll and Tim Chester

*Shepherding a Child's Heart*, by Tedd Tripp

*Instructing a Child's Heart*, by Tedd Tripp

*What the Bible Says about Parenting*, by John MacArthur

*Don't Make Me Count to Three*, by Ginger Hubbard

*The Faithful Parent: A Biblical Guide to Raising a Family*, by Martha Peace and Stuart Scott

*Teach Them Diligently*, by Lou Priollo

*The Heart of Anger*, by Lou Priollo

*Your Child's Profession of Faith*, by Dennis Gundersen

*Wise Words for Moms*, by Ginger Hubbard

*Raising Men, Not Boys*, by Mike Fabarez

*Parenting*, Paul David Tripp

*Raising Children God's Way*, by Martyn Lloyd-Jones

*Getting to the Heart of Parenting*, Paul David Tripp

## Parenting Young Children

*For the Love of Discipline*, by Sara Wallace

*Help! My Toddler Rules the House*, by Paul and Karen Tautges (minibook)

## Parenting Teenagers

*Age of Opportunity: A Biblical Guide to Parenting Teens*, by Paul David Tripp

*Help! My Teen is Rebellious*, Dave and Judi Coats

*Get Outta My Face*, by Richard Horne (on parenting rebellious teenagers)

## Parenting Adult Children

*You Never Stop Being a Parent*, by Jim Newheiser

## Family/Corporate Worship

*Family Worship*, by Don Whitney

*Your Family: Together in God's Presence*, by John and Noel Piper (available at [desiringgod.org](http://desiringgod.org))

### Preparing for Parenting

*Preparing for Motherhood*, by Barbara Miller Juliani (minibook)

*Preparing for Fatherhood*, by Deepak Reju (minibook)

### Books for Parents on Issues Related Parenting

*What is the Gospel?* by Greg Gilbert

*Big Truths for Young Hearts: Teaching and Learning the Greatness of God*, by Bruce Ware

*The Next Story: Life and Faith after the Digital Explosion*, Tim Challies

*True Feelings: God's Gracious and Glorious Purpose for our Emotions*, Carolyn Mahaney

*The Heart of Anger*, by Lou Priollo

*Peacemaking for Families: A Biblical Guide to Managing Conflict in Your Home*, by Ken Sande

### Mini-Books for Parents on Various Issues

*Don't Waste Your Sports*, by C.J. Mahaney

*Help! My Toddler Rules the House*, Paul and Karen Tautges

*Help! My Kids are Viewing Pornography*, Tim Challies

*Help! My Teen Struggles with Same-Sex Attractions*, Ben Marshall

*Help! My Teen is Rebellious*, Dave and Judi Coats

*Help! I'm A Single Mom*, Carol Trahan

*Leading Your Child to Christ*, Marty Machowski

*Parenting Your ADHD Child*, Rita Jamison

*How Do I Stop Losing It with My Kids?* William P. Smith

*Raising Sexually Healthy Kids*, David White

*How to Talk to Your Kid about Sex*, William P. Smith

*When Your Kid's In Trouble*, William P. Smith

*Helping Your Adopted Child*, Paul David Tripp

*iSnooping on Your Kid: Parenting in an Internet World*, R. Nicholas Black

*A Father's Guide to Raising Boys*, Rob Green

*A Father's Guide to Raising Girls*, Andy Farmer

### Books for Parents to Read or Study with their Kids

#### Kid's Bibles

*The Big Picture Story Bible*, by David Helm (for toddler/young preschool)

*The Beginner's Gospel Story Bible*, by Jared Kennedy (for toddler/young preschool)

*The Jesus Storybook Bible*, Sally Lloyd-Jones (for preschool)

*The Gospel Story Bible*, by Marty Machowski  
*Read with Me Bible (NirV Bible Storybook)*, illustrated by Dennis Jones  
*Mighty Acts of God*, by Starr Meade  
*The Child's Story Bible*, by Catherine F. Vos  
*The Biggest Story Bible Storybook*, Kevin DeYoung

#### Theology/Other Topical Books

*The Ology: Ancient Truths, Ever New*, by Marty Machowski  
*The Biggest Story*, by Kevin DeYoung  
*Big Truths for Young Hearts*, by Bruce Ware (older elementary)  
*Window of the World*, by Daphne Spraggett with Jill Johnstone  
*Get Wisdom: 23 Lessons for Children about Living for Jesus*, by Ruth Younts  
*The Big Book of Questions about Jesus (also one about God)*, by Sinclair Ferguson  
*The Gospel for Children*, by John Leuzarder and Regina Orr  
*The Young Peacemaker*, by Corlette Sande  
*The Lord's Supper...Let's Get Ready*, by Laurie Donahue and Paul Phillips  
*God's Design*, by Sally Michael and Gary Steward (on gender/marriage)

#### Family Devotion Guides/Helps

*Generations of Grace Family Devotional* (goes with our Sunday School curriculum)  
*Long Story Short/Old Story New* by Marty Machowski  
*Family Worship Bible Guide*, by Joel Beeke

#### Books for Kids who can Read

*The Radical Book for Kids*, by Champ Thornton  
*Ten Boys Who..., Ten Girls Who...*, by Irene Howat  
*The Child's Book on the Fall of Man (also ... on Repentance)*, by Thomas H. Gallaudet  
*History Lives Series*, by Mindy and Brandon Withrow  
Trail Blazer Biographies (published by Christian Focus)  
Lamplighter Books (*also Lamplighter theatre*)  
*The Wingfeather Saga*, by Andrew Peterson  
*Kingdom Series*, By Chuck Black  
*Dragon Seed*, By Marty Machowski  
*Chronicles of Narnia*, by CS Lewis  
*Redrock Mysteries*, by Jerry B. Jenkins



### **Books for Youth**

*Growing up Christian*, by Karl Graustein

*Do Hard Things*, by Alex and Brett Harris

*This Changes Everything: How the Gospel Transforms the Teen Years*, by Jaquelle Crow

### **Kid's Music CDs**

*Sovereign Grace - Awesome God, To Be Like Jesus, The Ology, Walking with the Wise*

Randall Goodgame (*Slugs and Bugs, etc.*)

Keith and Kristin Getty Kids Music (hymns, etc.)

*Seeds of...Praise/Worship/Courage/Etc.* (Seeds Family Worship)

*Questions and Answers – 6 volumes* ([www.songsforsaplings.com](http://www.songsforsaplings.com)) – goes with our catechism

*Hidden in My Heart* – Lullabies

### **DVDs for Kids**

*Torchlighter Heroes of the Faith* (William Tyndale, Eric Liddell, etc.) – DVDs

*What's in the Bible* – DVDs

*Jesus Storybook Bible* – DVDs