

Parental Responsibilities: Instruction (Pt. 2)

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

II. Embrace your Responsibility for Instructing your Children

III. Remember your Goal in Instructing your Children

IV. Recognize your Example IS Instructing your Children

V. Prioritize Scripture in Instructing your Children

- Because Scripture gives wisdom for salvation
- Because Scripture is profitable for:
 - Teaching
 - Reproof
 - Correction
 - Training

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*
 - *Family Worship, by Joel R. Beeke*

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
 - 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 _____
- Addressing their _____
 - Proverbs 4:23
 - Matthew 15:18-19
 - How do we target the heart? *5 Questions To Get At Your Child's Heart* by Paul Tripp
 - What _____?
 - What were you _____ and _____ when that happened?
 - What did you do in _____?
 - Why did you do it and what were you _____ to _____?
 - What was 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

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 Llyod-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)

Preparing for Parenting

Preparing for Motherhood, by Barbara Miller Juliani (minibook)

Preparing for Fatherhood, by Deepak Reju (minibook)

Tying Their Shoes: A Christ-Centered Approach to Preparing for Parenting, by Rob and Stephanie Green

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) – 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*