

# “Parent”ing Peptalk

Pointing Our Children To Christ!

## 1. “Parent”ing / Perspective - EYES UP!

\* **“Parent”ing (Hands get dirty) is more about the Parent than it is the child.**

“A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.”

Luke 6: 40 (NIV)

“*The eyes of the LORD are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.*” Proverbs 15: 3 (NIV)

\* **Perspective – (Trees with deep roots and abundant fruits) Where you headed??**

“They exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshipped and served created things rather than the Creator – who is forever praised. Amen.” Romans 1: 25 (NIV) Vertical View or Horizontal View?

## 2. Principles - WISE UP!

Methods are many. **PRINCIPLES ARE FEW. Methods always change. PRINCIPLES NEVER DO!**

~Harrison Emerson~

\* **God’s Truths and Promises: Consider these Principles in Parenting**

“*FOR WE KNOW, brothers (sisters) loved by God, because our gospel (Good News) came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction.*” 1 Thessalonians 1: 4-5a (NIV)

“*All Scripture is God-Breathed and is useful for TEACHING, rebuking, correcting and TRAINING in righteousness, so that the man of God may be THOROUGHLY equipped for every good work.*”

2 Timothy 3: 16-17 (NIV)

“*TRAIN (to narrow) a child in the way he SHOULD GO and when he is old he will not depart from it.*” Proverbs 22: 6 (NKJV) “Direct your children onto the right path” (NLT)

\* **Embrace the calling (24/7 – There’s Lots of Work to be Done!)**

“*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments THAT I GIVE YOU TODAY are to be on your hearts. IMPRESS them on your children. Talk about them when SIT at home and when you WALK along the road, when you LIE DOWN and when you GET UP.*” Deuteronomy 6: 4-7 (NIV) - **SPIRITUAL WARRIORS LET’S GO!**

What are you doing with these God-given opportunities to point your children to Christ? Paul David Tripp calls these the Many, Mini Moments or Opportunities that we have throughout every day. Are you stuck in the cycle of frustration, anger, inconvenience, or disappointment. That’s not parenting it’s managing your kids by intimidation.

**WE MUST COMMIT TO THE PROCESS OF TEACHING & TRAINING (Formative Discipline) – F \* O \* R \* G \* E – Forgiveness / Obedience / Respect / Gratitude / Everything Else. This is a slow, repetitive, patient PROCESS.**

- **Consider the Condition of the Heart: Don’t take their behavior so PERSONAL / It’s their PROBLEM!**

“*EVERY INCLINATION of the human heart is evil from CHILDHOOD*” Genesis 8: 21 (NIV)

“*FOLLY IS BOUND UP in the heart of a child.*” Proverbs 15: 22 (NIV)

“*The heart is DECEITFUL above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?*” Jeremiah 17: 9 (NIV)

“*Above all else, GUARD YOUR HEART, for EVERYTHING you do flows from it.*” Proverbs 4: 23 (NIV)

“*I WILL GIVE YOU A NEW HEART, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your STONY, STUBBORN HEART and give you a TENDER, RESPONSIVE ONE.*” Ezekiel 36: 26 (NLT)

Consider these truths when **CORRECTIVE DISCIPLINE** is needed. “**Rebuking and Correcting**” – inside the rails!

## 3. “PRACTICE makes Permanence”

“*THEREFORE, everyone who hears these words of mine and PUTS THEM INTO PRACTICE is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rains came down, the streams rose, and the winds beat against that house, yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.*” Matthew 7: 24-25 (NIV) (anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise.” (NLT))

## 4. Prayer – a Powerful Privilege

“The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry” Psalm 34: 15 (NIV)

“If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.” Matthew 21: 22 (NIV)

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, **believe that you have received it**, and it will be yours.” Mark 11: 24

## 5. Posture & Delivery – RISE UP! – Changes when you take their behavior personal!

*“If a wise person takes a fool to court, there will be ranting and ridicule but no satisfaction.” Proverbs 29: 9 (NLT)*

### \* God always gives us a better way – Reproof

**“My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this:** Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.”

James 1: 19-20 (NIV)

### \* The Cool the Calm and the Collected (C\*C\*C) See \* See\* See\*

**“For the eyes of the LORD** range throughout the earth **TO STRENGTHEN** those whose hearts are fully committed to him.” 2 Chronicles 16: 9 (NIV)

## 6. Punitive (Punishment) Vs Redemptive (Consequences)

This is the ‘REBUKING & CORRECTING’ needed for Willful Disobedience & Disrespect! Pick the Battle!!!

It’s not the SEVERITY of a CONSEQUENCE (NOT PUNISHMENT) that changes behavior, it’s the CERTAINTY!

Take two steps back and assess your efforts. It’s always a HEART ISSUE!

### \* “Rod & Reproof “(Proverbs 29: 15) / Discipline & Instruction (Ephesians 6: 4b)

<b>CORRECTIVE DISCIPLINE</b>	<b><u>Punitive Punishment</u> Managing By Intimidation</b>	<b><u>Redemptive Consequence</u> Intending to Save</b>
<b>PURPOSE: Reason or Motivation</b>	To inflict penalty or punishment for an offense	To Teach and Train for Correction and Maturity
<b>FOCUS OF PARENT</b>	Past misdeeds and missteps. Treating symptoms. Wanting external change. Behavior Modification!	Future Focused. Treating the condition. Heart Rescue Mission (PDT)
<b>ATTITUDE OF PARENT</b>	Your body language and words are fueled by hostility, anger, embarrassment, frustration, & often feeling inconvenienced, hassled, & burdened! Managing by Intimidation Add 10 years to this child – entitled, selfish, impatient, and emotionally unstable teens!	Love and correction on the part of the parent. You embody qualities of Christ- you are loving, kind, humble, gentle, patient and concerned. Understand the calling and the importance of what you are doing. Committed to the hard, exhausting, repetitious, demanding work of the parenting process! “Rooting & Grounding” Mentality! Love them too much to leave them where they are at!
<b>RESULTING EMOTION IN THE CHILD TOWARD THE PARENT</b>	Fear and Insecurity Marked by inconsistency	Unconditional Love and Security Marked by consistency
<b>Rooted In</b>	ME (Need to fix)	CHRIST (At rest as he Refines)
<b>Delivery</b>	Reactive Intended to Punish	Responsive Intended to Save

## 7. Process - Psalm 27: 13-14 (NIV)

### \* Change is a Process

*“Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening, let your hands not be idle, for you do not know which will succeed (take root), whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well.” Ecclesiastes 11: 6 (NIV)*

**“NO DISCIPLINE** seems pleasant at the time, but painful. **LATER ON**, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it” Hebrews 12: 11 (NIV)

**“But God is doing what is best for us, training us to live God’s holy best.”** Hebrews 12 MSG (Read all of Chapter 12 in MSG)

**“Let us not become weary in doing good, FOR AT THE PROPER TIME** we will reap a harvest **IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP.”** Galatians 6: 9 (NIV)

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