



# *Bringing the Bible to Life*

Biblical Counseling Workshops



**Goal of Parenting**

Track V.12

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# What is a Parent?

Noun - One who begets, gives birth to, or nurtures and raises a child; a father or mother. (Yahoo Education)

Noun - A father or mother; he or she that produces young. (Webster's 1828)



# What is Parenting?

Verb - 1. To act as a parent to; raise and nurture

2. To cause to come into existence; originate.

(Yahoo Education)

The duties of parents to their children are to

***maintain, protect and educate them.***

(Webster's 1828, emphasis mine)



# What is Parenting?

Parenting (or **child rearing**) is the process of promoting and supporting the physical, emotional, social, and intellectual development of a child from infancy to adulthood. Parenting refers to the aspects of raising a child aside from the biological relationship.

The goals of human parenting are debated. Usually, parental figures provide for a child's physical needs, protect them from harm, and impart in them skills and cultural values until they reach legal adulthood, usually after adolescence. (Wikipedia)



# The Origin Parenting & Family

Understanding Parenting begins with understanding **THE FAMILY**

Understanding the family begins with understanding the purpose of **MARRIAGE**

Understanding Marriage & Family must begin with understanding the **ORIGIN & PURPOSE OF HUMAN LIFE.**



# Humanity – Created by GOD

**Reflector** (made *in the image of God*)

**Relational** being (vertical, internal, horizontal, external)

**Receiver** (needing God's *Special Revelation*)

**Reasoning being** (Logical, rational, considering)

**Responder – a worshipping being by nature** (capable of awe/fear, love, obedience, work/service)

**Righteous** (pure, without sin; Gen.2:25)

**Reliant being** (dependant, NOT AUTONOMOUS)

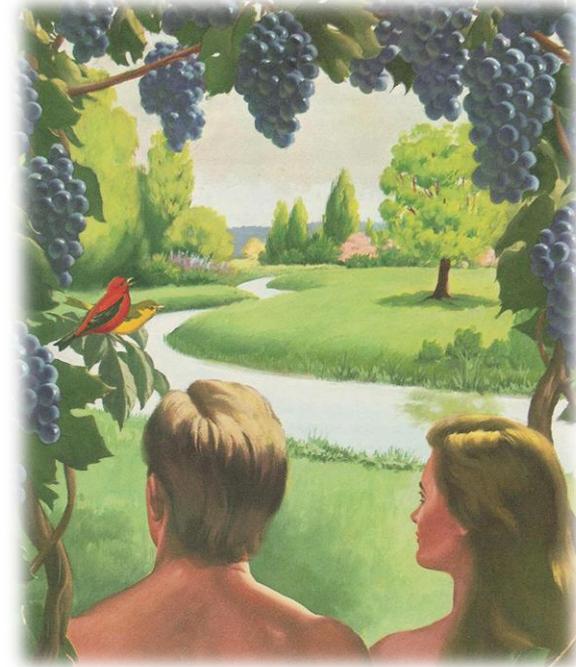
**Ruler** (a “*Dominion-haver*”) (Gen.1:28)

**Representative** (Ambassador) (2 Cor.5:14-21)



# Created Dependent, Not Autonomous!

- Intelligent, but incomplete; never intended to understand himself or his world **apart from God's Special Revelation**
- Adam didn't know ...
  - His Identity (Who am I?)
  - His beginning (O. Origin)
  - His Purpose (M. Meaning)
  - How to live (E. Ethics)
  - His future (G. Going)
  - God (A. Authority)
  - His Needs (what do I NEED?)





# Adam Needed God's Special Revelation

Before Sin, because he was HUMAN; he was unable to know vital, profound truths about himself and his world and was not able (by design) to know them APART FROM GOD'S DIRECT REVELATION.

Now, because of sin, children are born SPIRITUALLY BLIND, completely incapable of seeing, understanding, knowing, discerning, these integral truths regarding life.

The family is God's primary training/teaching institution that provides the discipleship environment to successfully transfer biblical truth from one generation to the next.



# God Created & Preserves the Family

Providing stability thru a covenant-marriage relationship.

Male-female modeling, ensuring a loving environment

Visual demonstration of God thru one-flesh unity

Daily “classroom” for foster loving relationships

Guards the break-up of the family.

Main purpose for the family - provide instruction, teaching what cannot be learned apart from ***Special Revelation.***

***The family is God’s primary community for making disciples; for training human hearts to worship the God that created them.***



# The Family Nurtures the Next Generation

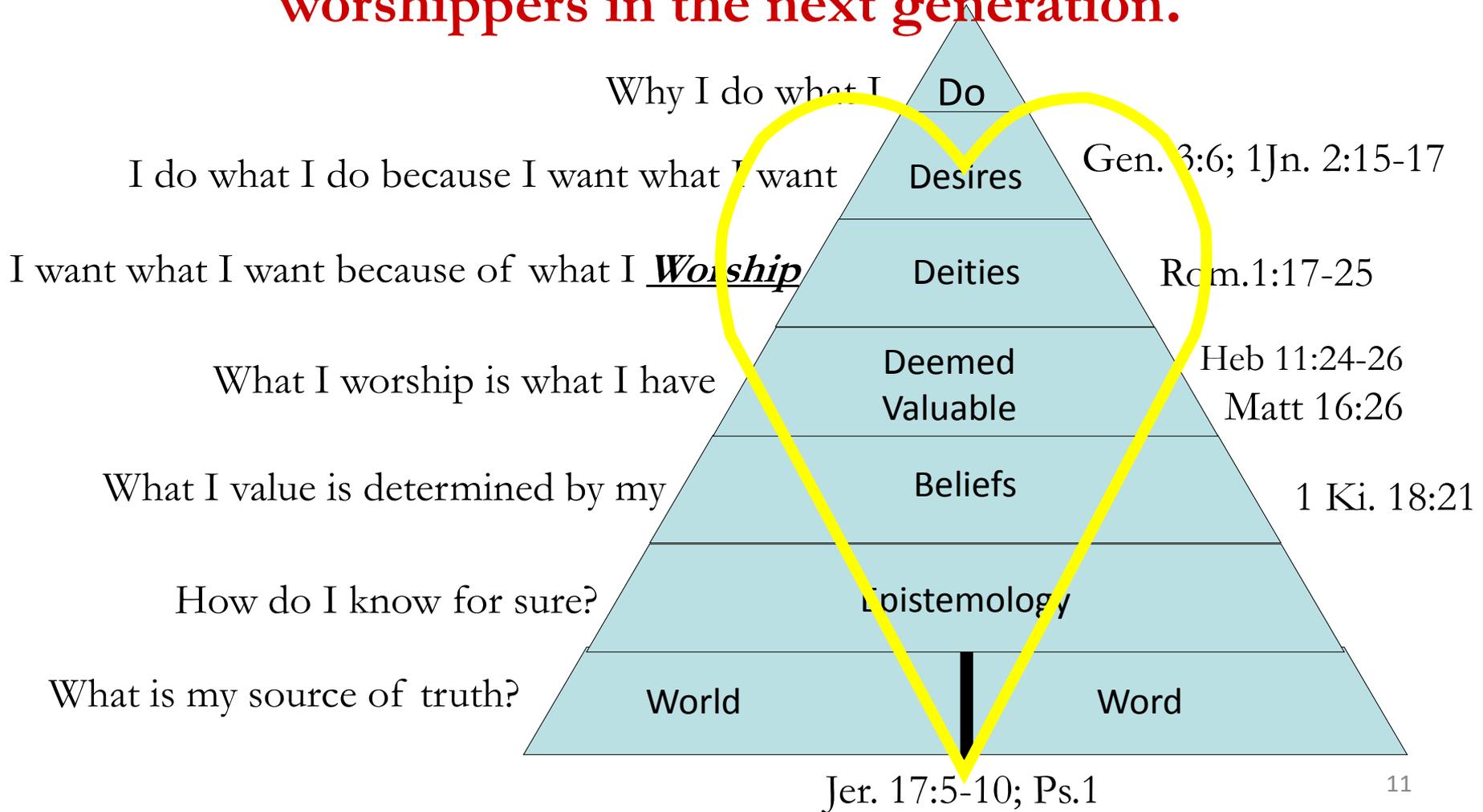
- Physically – providing, training, developing
- Mentally - cognition, instructing, modeling
- Relationally – teaching, nurturing, admonishing
- Emotionally – teaching and demonstrating
- Spiritually – shepherding a heart of worship

Without structured nurturing & disciplined training, children become efficient self-worshippers.



# Humans Worship by Design

**Without heart-transformation, idolatry rules. Parents are God's primary instruments to develop true worshippers in the next generation.**





# Failure to Pursue God's Goal for the Family

**Is the result of parental idolatry.**

I can't do that, he might throw a fit...

I want my kids to be happy...

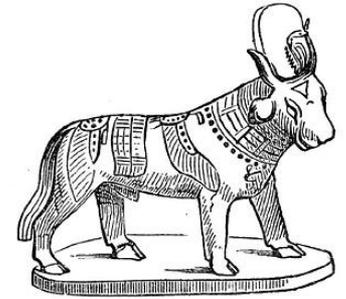
They shouldn't have to do that...

I don't' have time for this...

It's just a phase, it will pass...

I want her to have a good time, be popular...

I just want him to have friends...

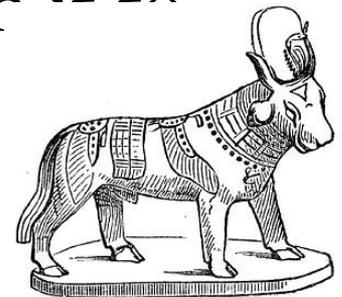




# Failure to Pursue God's Goal for the Family

Fosters idolatry in the children

<sup>18</sup>For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all **ungodliness** and **unrighteousness** of men, who by their unrighteousness **suppress the truth**. <sup>19</sup>For what can be known about God is **plain to them**, because God has shown it to them. (Romans 1:18-19)





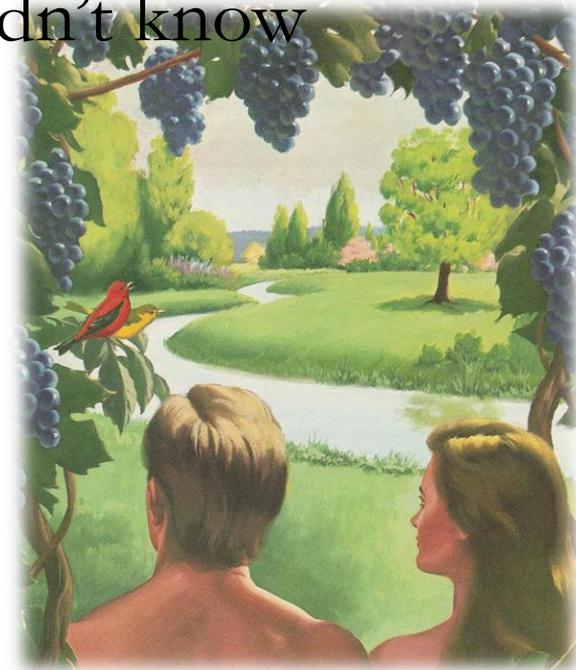
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<sup>7</sup>And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great work that the LORD had done for Israel.  
<sup>8</sup>...Joshua..., the servant of the LORD, died... <sup>10</sup>And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD or the work that he had done for Israel. <sup>11</sup>And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals. <sup>12</sup>And they abandoned the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt. They went after other gods, from among the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed down to them. And they provoked the LORD to anger. <sup>13</sup>They abandoned the LORD and served the Baals and the Ashtaroath. (Judges 2:7-13 ESV)



# The Goals of Parenting

- If a perfect man in a perfect world didn't know
  - His Identity (Who am I?)
  - His beginning (O. Origin)
  - His Purpose (M. Meaning)
  - How to live (E. Ethics)
  - His future (G. Going)
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**Your children are ruined if they don't get this!!**

**YOUR GOALS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ARE the SAME as in the beginning! You much TEACH!**



# The Goals of Parenting

*Parental goals are the same as the First Parent!*

*Making disciples, developing worshippers by daily,  
consistently teaching their children.*

Your Children need intensive, daily teaching & training.

- T. Theology (view of God)
- E. Epistemology (source of Truth)
- A. Anthropology (View of themselves, nature of man)
- C. Christology (knowing Christ)
- H. Hamartiology (view of sin, conviction of sin)



# T.E.A.C.H. Theology

- God exists, is present, involved, active
- God's Character, attributes, Sovereign, Holy, Eternal
- What God does – powerful, majestic, magnificent, forgives
- God's view of life, plans; **PERSPECTIVES**
- *God's PURPOSES* for His universe and for you
- Instructing, discipling children to **LEARN from life-experiences**
- Shepherding the heart to **RESPOND** from the HEART (Pr. 4:23)
- F. **Fear God** (Deut. 6:2, 13)
- L. **Love God** and others (Deut. 6:5)
- O. **Obey God**, practical application of theology (Deut. 6:6, 25)
- W. **Worship God**, living in Awe (Deut.26:10)
- S. **Serve & Please God** vs. self and/or others. (6:13)

Every family is a **THEOLOGICAL COMMUNITY**.  
You much choose to teach your children to **worship GOD**.



# T.E.A.C.H. Epistemology

- Know your own source of truth
- Train yourself to develop a “Biblical-Google-search”
- Show them that God’s Word is superior to man’s wisdom
- Teach how to think biblically, wisely, logically
- Teach discernment

Every family is a **philosophical community**.

You must choose to define, love, learn, teach & live

**THE TRUTH**



# T.E.A.C.H. Anthropology

- View of self/man
- Knowing identity
- Made in the image of God; Significant, not “special”
- Made to reflect God’s character, therefore with dignity
- Made out of dust, but fearfully and wonderfully made
- No intrinsic value, but loved of God, BECAUSE God chooses to LOVE, NOT because of me.
- Called to Love God and others, NOT to love myself.

Every family is a social community.

You must choose to interact BIBLICALLY in all 4 dimensions of life, vertically, internally, horizontally, externally.



# T.E.A.C.H. Christology

- Make much of Christ, His Gospel, sinless life, pure blood-sacrifice & death on the Cross.
- Model & teach His humility, compassion, meekness, etc.
- Model and teach His Five Love-Languages.
  - Self-denial – don't make your kids your slaves
  - Submission – show your own submission to authority
  - Service – show willingness to serve God & others
  - Suffering – demonstrate cheerful suffering
  - Sacrifice – demonstrate self-sacrificing love

The family is designed to be a community of **GRACE, MERCY & REDEMPTION. You must choose to create this environment in your family.**



# T.E.A.C.H. Hamartiology

- Define sin biblically; “call sin sin” (Is.5:20)
- Hate sin (Ps.97:10)
- Confront sin (Ps.66:18: Mt.18:15)
- Confess sin (Ps.51: 1Jn.1:9)
- Forgive sin (Mt.18:23-35)
- Keeps no records of sins (1 Cor.13:5)

The Family is designed to be a **REDEEMPTIVE COMMUNITY** that admits sins, confronts sin, confesses sin and forgives sin. You must choose to shepherd yourself and others to live this way.



# Goal of Parenting – Make Disciples

Mt. 28:18-20

Children who **worship** God in Spirit & Truth (Jn. 4:24)

Children who do all to the **Glory** of God (1 Cor. 10:31)

Children who's aim is to **please** God (2 Cor. 5:9; Rom. 15:1)

Children who think & act *like their Master* (Lu. 6:40)

Children who are maturing (Col. 1:28; Eph. 4:12-14)

Children who obey and imitate God (Eph. 4:1-3, 5:1-3; 6:1-3)

*Parents you will not be able to teach your children  
what you don't know, believe & live.*

*Only disciples can make disciples!*



# Homework

- Summarize your main take-aways from today's session
- Review your notes with your spouse
- Identify one or two ways where you believe you are accomplishing God's goals for your parenting
- Identify one area where you believe God would want you to change and grow.
- List 3 things you can begin to change and begin today.



## *Going Deeper*

- *Getting to the Heart of Parenting*, Paul Tripp  
DVD series
- *Christian Living in the Home*, Jay Adams
- *Your Family, God's Way*, Wayne Mack
- *The Fulfilled Family*, John MacArthur



## Next Classes

- V.12 *Goal of Parenting*, March 26—  
Kent Kloter
- V.13 *Parenting: Instruction*, April 2—  
Kevin Martin
- V.14 *Parenting: Discipline*, April 9—  
Kevin Martin



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