

PARENTING SKILLS 4

This session will be about making parenting goals:
Loving God Intrinsically.

~ materials gathered from personal experience, Charles Stanley devotional "Parenting God's Way", & Bill Johnson's book "Raising Giant-Killers" .

A. Parenting with God is a journey.

- You Don't need to know everything before you start!

B. Parenting from God's point of view.

Children are a gift of the Lord, precious in His sight and a reward from Him... like arrows in the hands of a warrior. Psalm 127:3,4

Joy of receiving a _____ from God.

Sobering responsibility of training the child for _____ .

Arrows - fully capable of functioning according to their _____ .

A child is on loan from God

- We are responsible to _____ God's treasure correctly
- We are _____ to God for how we raise our children

A child is raised with _____ purpose.

A child functioning according to his or her gift and design wreaks havoc on the powers of _____ .

C. We have been given intrinsic VALUE by God.

We are made in God's _____. Gen 1:26

We have been given mind, will, emotions, and _____ traits of God himself.

We are to fill the earth & subdue it. Gen 1:27, 28

Subdue: _____ , bring under control

Jesus defeated sin, grave, & powers of darkness on our _____ .

We are all born into this war that has already been _____ .

We fight from _____ , not for it.

We need to get completely absorbed in this mandate, so we can parent from this position.

D. We need to DISCIPLE our children. Matt 28:19, 20

- It is not the _____ job, it is our job as parents.
- Our most important task is to teach the way of _____ . 2 Cor 7:10
- Parenting is a *lifestyle* of _____ in honoring God.

Teach the importance of God's _____ and a deepening _____ with Christ throughout life.

1. Display a love for God's Word.

- teach the _____ of God's Word
- the importance of reading it _____
- the value of _____ it with great and small issues.

Devotions

1. Be an _____ of having devotions
2. Help them experience God in _____ ways
3. Have _____ devotions (helpful resource:
<https://www.heritagebuildersglobal.com/family-resources>)

2. Display a love for Praying.

- The power of praying with, over and for your children should never be _____ .
- Children will learn to pray from _____ .
- Allow times of prayer to build "the _____ of peace" (Eph 4:3) in your family.

3. Display a love for Fellowship.

- Make sure you are a part of a local _____ where you can serve and fellowship together.
 - o build likeminded _____
 - o experience God in the _____ setting
 - o _____ peer pressure
 - who will strengthen them in their faith
 - provide accountability
 - share joys and needs
- Heb 10:25 "Let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near."
- "Walk with the wise and become wise; a companion of fools suffers harm." Prov 13:20

4. Display a love for Serving.

- teach them to serve others in _____
- teach them to _____ others
 - o Galatians 6:10 "Whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone – especially those in the faith."
- Serve actively _____ , and seek opportunities for your children to participate in serving.

E. Teach them how to WORSHIP God

- In church, in life, in school
- Have a heart for God that permeates _____ you do.
- Be thankful!
 - o They must see for _____ that He responds to their thanksgiving & praise.
- Introduce a God who _____ to their heart's cry.

F. Teach them EVERYTHING you know about God – empty yourself!

- We as parents need to _____ as if we love God with all our heart.

G. Teach them WHO God is and His CHARACTER.

- God is just & _____ & understanding.
- Teach them how to _____ in the authority of the believer.
- We raise them to know that as _____ empowers them, *they* are powerful.
- We teach them their *identity* and *purpose*, with their _____ in mind.
- Children do not receive a _____ Holy Spirit
 - o He only comes in one size: Omniscient (all knowing), Omni Present & Omnipotent (All Powerful)

H. Teach them HOW to hear God's voice

- To listen & obey
- Expose them to God's _____ : Prophets, Evangelists, Healings
- Teach how to _____
- Teach how to pray for the _____ & for miracles
 - o Find people to pour into their lives
 - o Find opportunities to make that happen

I. Talk to them about the devil.

Ephesians 6:12 "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

*The war is about our _____ with God the father and our **identity** with Christ. ~ From this position we parent.*

Teach about:

- o His schemes
- o How he operates
- o How to _____ pitfalls
- o How to _____ authority over the enemy
- o How to _____ other's free
- o Teach warfare – be an example

J. Allow reasonable things for training moments.

- Protect, but do not shelter
- Do not expose too much too quickly

- Talk about what happens
 - o in movies
 - o people real lives
 - o observing situations
- Mistakes happen, Then learn from it

K. Our kids were born for this!!

1. Are you more worried about your inability than God's ability to help you?
2. Are you more aware of the evilness in society than you are of the righteousness of God in your own life?

God is present and has a promise made for you!

Remember:

- Self-confidence is no greater than self.
 - God confidence is when FAITH is as big as _____.
3. The opportunity for significance is before you.
 - "Survival is a pitiful goal for parenting.
 - We have been given heaven's treasure, with the assignment to build something of significance." ~ Bill Johnson
 4. Don't allow the giants in your life to squash the faith available to you for your entire family line!

L. Consider This

Do I have to be a perfect parent? _____

Do I have to come from a healthy background? _____

Do I have to have a personal relationship with Jesus? _____

What does it take?

- It takes intentional pursuit of the values rooted in the Kingdom of God.
- *It is only by God's grace that anyone can represent Him well!!*

Reflection Questions:

1. When was the last time my children and I consulted God's word together for guidance?
2. If my children were to pray as I pray, would they be shallow and impatient or full of depth, faith, confidence and love for God and others?
3. Do my children see me serving and reaching out regularly to other Christians for mutual support?