

Marriage and Family Study  
Heritage Christian Fellowship  
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Parent Child Relationship  
Introduction

I. Introduction:

1. Do we know what the Scripture says about raising children?
2. Are we relying on the sufficiency and reliability of Scripture?
3. Do we believe in the veracity of Scripture? That which is: true, factual, accurate, and correct.
4. Does God know how to guide us in raising the children He has given us?

II. Child training is “heart training” and “disciple making”.

The Heart

1. Two aspects of “heart training”
  - a. The parent(s)
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      - a. **De 6:4-7**
        1. The parent must love the Lord your god with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.
        2. The parent must have the Lord’s commands in his own heart.
        3. The parent must teach those commands to the children in every area of his life.
    - b. The child(ren)
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        - a. **1Co 2:14**
        - b. **2Ti 3:13-17**
          1. Parents must present the Scriptures that make the child wise for salvation.
          2. Parents must teach the child doctrine.
          3. Parents must reprove.
          4. Parents must correct.
          5. Parents must instruct in righteousness.
          6. Parents must be the child’s moral governor while that child is under their care.

III. Parental awareness:

The parent must be a better student of his child than the child is of the parent. This requires that the parent be aware of three things expressed by the child when he uses one of the following words.

1. Feel
2. Believe
3. Think

#### IV. Parental responsibility:

1. *Pr 20:5* Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water, But a man of understanding will draw it out.
2. *Pr 22:6* Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

#### V. Possible problem:

The parent may be having problems with his own heart when it comes to the three areas he is supposed to be looking out for in his child and that is with his own feelings, with how he thinks about things and what he believes.

##### 1. QUIZ

##### WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

1. Do you believe that:  
Man's nature is corrupted by sin and man is depraved.  
OR  
Man's nature is innately good?
  2. Do you believe that:  
Parental restraint leads to responsible behavior.  
OR  
Parents are to encourage freedom of expression?
  3. Do you believe that:  
Conflict is part of sin and depravity, therefore conflict resolution is necessary.  
OR  
Conflict is bad; therefore conflict avoidance is necessary and good?
  4. Do you believe that:  
Parental authority is God-given and must be exercised wisely.  
OR  
Parental authority is bad?
  5. Do you believe that:  
A parent's greatest responsibility is to attend to the child's spiritual need.  
OR  
A parent's greatest responsibility is to attend to the child's psychological need?
  6. Do you believe that;  
The starting point for parenting should be with the wisdom of God.  
OR  
The starting point for parenting should begin with the reason of man?
- The answer to these questions will reveal whether we have a Biblical approach to parenting or a secular approach to parenting or that we give God lip service in

saying that we have a Biblical approach to parenting but in fact we are parenting from a secular approach.

### **HOMEWORK**

Review what has been presented (remembering that what has been presented is NOT all inclusive regarding all that is necessary in parenting) examining your parenting ideas.

Once you have honestly examined your parenting ideas in light of Scripture where do you believe the Lord would have you make corrections?

Commit yourself to the study or deeper study of what the Bible says Biblical parenting should be and implement what is lacking.

