

Parenting 101: Welcome to the Family!

Session 1: Overview

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I. Introduction

It is no exaggeration to say the family is in the midst of crisis right now.

- “If one has lived in America and seen in countless cases what injustice is done to children, one has enough of it. One sees too much that someone, hidden behind misunderstood psychoanalytical maxims, allows them to become little tyrants and ill-humored despots, despots whom adults crawl in front of for pure convenience, only to get peace; and one sees how this takes effect in the unfortunate adolescents when they, brought up without authority are confronted with the difficulties of life.” — **Carl Zuckmayer**
- *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.* — **2 Timothy 3:16-17**
- *In the fear of the Lord one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge.* — **Proverbs 14:26**

Main point: Devote yourself to building a godly family this world can never take away.

II. The family is where godliness is first seen.

A. What is the family?

- *An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts her, and he will have no lack of gain.* — **Proverbs 31:10-11**

B. The family is where godliness & the fear of the Lord is first seen.

- *In the fear of the Lord one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge.* — **Proverbs 14:26**
- *Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.* — **Proverbs 22:6**
- “To give children good instruction, and a bad example, is but beckoning to them with the head to show them the way to heaven, while we take them by the hand and lead them in the way to hell.” — **Archbishop Tillotson**

III. The family is where godly wisdom is first taught.

Fathers & mothers, teach your children wisdom & the fear of the Lord.

- *Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck. — Proverbs 1:8-9*

A. Parents, you are the first & primary disciples of your children.

- *Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. — Ephesians 6:4*
- *Know well the condition of your flocks, and give attention to your herds. — Proverbs 27:23*
- “You must regard parenting as one of your most important tasks while you have your children at home. This is your calling. . . . You have only one opportunity to do it. You cannot go back and do it over. . . . Parenting will mean you can't do all the things you could otherwise do. It will affect your golf handicap. It may mean your home does not look like a picture from Better Homes and Gardens. It will impact your career and ascent on the corporate ladder. It will alter the kind of friendships you will be able to pursue. It will influence the kind of ministry you are able to pursue. It will modify the amount of time you have for bowling, hunting, television, or how many books you read. It will mean that you can't develop every interest that comes along.” — **Tedd Tripp**

IV. The family is where obedience is first required.

A. The family is where authority is first learned.

B. The family is where obedience is first required.
Parents must require obedience.

Parents must discipline for disobedience.

- The book of Proverbs clearly commands the use of discipline.
- *Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him. — Proverbs 22:15*
- *The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother. — Proverbs 29:15*
- *Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you strike him with a rod, he will not die. If you strike him with the rod, you will save his soul from Sheoul. — Proverbs 23:13-14*

V. The family is where life is deeply & often unalterably shaped.

A. The family shapes our lives deeply.

- *Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. — Proverbs 22:6*

B. But the family can leave a legacy for good that endures long after we're gone.

- *In the fear of the Lord one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge.* — **Proverbs 14:26**
- *Grandchildren are the crown of the aged, and the glory of children is their fathers.* — **Proverbs 17:6**
- *The memory of the righteous is a blessing, but the name of the wicked will rot.* — **Proverbs 10:7**

VI. Conclusion