

BIBLICAL PARENTING 101

Week 6: Setting the Spiritual Tone in Your Home

1. Lead by Your Attitudes

*What Aroma arises in your home?
Flowers or skunks?*

What would your children say you love most?

How would your children describe your attitude?

Do they see that you are joyful or downcast? At peace or anxious? Kind or mean-spirited? Condescending or up-lifting? Encouraging or discouraging?

Having Humility and the Right Attitude.

A bad attitude in a parent will never take a bad attitude in a child and turn it into a good attitude.

See Rom. 2:4; James 1:20

*Rules without Relationship leads to Rebellion
Relationship without Rules leads to Rebellion*

Maintaining Patience, Persistence, Consistency and Grace

2. Lead by Your Example

2 Tim. 3:10-11; See also 2 Tim. 1:5; 3:14; 4:16; 1 Pet. 5:3.

Children will imitate your behavior. What are they imitating? What are you teaching them? How do you handle conflict, trials and tribulations?

The best way to make hypocrites is to live like one.

Love Jesus (John 14:15, 21, 23-24)

Love your Spouse (John 13:35). Your marriage is not about your *happiness*. God put you in your marriage for your *holiness*.

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Love your children. Parents should not just love their children they should genuinely LIKE them. See Phil. 1:7-8; 1 Thess. 2:19-10. If your children don't experience your love, then they won't listen to your instruction. It will become like a clanging cymbal (1 Cor. 13:1).

See Prov 23:15-16; 24-25

Love the Church

Church should never be an option. It should be part of your family DNA.

3. Lead by Your Instruction

See Deuteronomy 6:6-7

Devotional Life

- Read the Bible with your children
- Pray with your children
- Model a personal devotional life. Show them how you do it, then do it with them.

If your children see that you take Biblical convictions lightly, then so will they.

Two stage Rocket (see Chap Bettis, *Disciple-Making Parent*, p 26)

Stage 1: Learning stage (age 2-11) – Lifts the child into orbit (foundation period)

Stage 2: Convincing Stage (age 12-21) – A young person needs to demonstrate the change necessary to live what he was taught.

Ages 2-11 children need instruction. Ages 12-21, young people need more conversation.

Building Convictions at Each Stage of Life

Regulation –

Participation –

Integration –

Supplication –