



GODLY PARENTING

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The reality is many Christian churches today are offering more and more programs, and making fewer and fewer disciples. Just because the seats are full, doesn't mean disciples are being made. Perhaps worst of all, we are losing our own children and grandchildren to the world.

Godly parenting

Everyone's family is different, but God's purpose for every family is the same. No matter what kind of family you came from, or what kind of family you are in right now, God has chosen to put you together for a reason. **Would you like to know what it is?**

I. What is the godly parenting?

Today, we came to this Interest Group with a great expectation to accomplish as a parent. What exactly is your object?

As a Christian parent, there is only one ultimate answer to this question, and answer is found in the Bible.

I. What is the godly parenting?

*Malachi 2:15

“Has not the one God made you? You belong to him in body and spirit. And what does the one God seek? Godly offspring. So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful to the wife of your youth.”

I. What is the godly parenting?

*Galatians 4:9

“My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you.”

*2 Timothy 3:15

“And how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

I. What is the godly parenting?

- Three key words:
 - Godly offspring.
 - Christ is formed.
 - Salvation thru faith in Christ Jesus.
- God's gift and parent's love

I. What is the godly parenting?

What is the definition of success in godly parenting?

Success is not helping our children be what they want to be, but success is helping them be what God wants them to be.

II. Why does God ask for godly children?

*Genesis 1:28 (The first Commandment of God)

“God blessed them and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.’”

- Fill the earth with the worshippers of God (godly people).
- Establishing family by marriage.
- Global mission thru family institution. (Family discipleship)

II. Why does God ask for godly children?

*Matthew 28:19-20a (The Great Commission)

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

- Go and make disciples of all nations (World mission)
- Teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you

II. Why does God ask for godly children?

Comparison

First Command

Genesis 1:28

Be fruitful & increase

Fill the earth

Subdue it & rule over

Great Commission

Matthew 28:19-20

Make disciples

Of all nations

Teaching them to obey

everything I have
commanded to you

II. Why does God ask for godly children?

- Jesus reiterates, and expands God's first command.
- God's plan has been same from the beginning. He is filling the earth with his worshippers. He has chosen his institution of family to carry out his plan.
- As we have seen throughout God's word, marriage, family, and raising godly children are all connected to Great Commission.
- God created the family as an essential engine for world evangelization thru the power of multi-generational faithfulness.

III. How can we do godly parenting?

- 1) God created the family as discipleship center.
 - Common life together
Evangelism & discipleship from parent to children
 - Small group (family)
Discipleship begins from one's birth
 - Discipleship happens in context of relationship
Heart to heart relationship
Get heart shaped at home

III. How can we do godly parenting?

1) God created the family as discipleship center.

*Genesis 18:19

“For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, so that the Lord will bring about for Abraham what he has promised.”

Direct his children

After him keep the way of the Lord

By doing what is right and just

The Lord will bring what he has promised to Abraham.

III. How can we do godly parenting?

1) God created the family as discipleship center.

*Ephesians 6:4

“Father, do not exasperate your children instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”

Parental discipline is to help children grow.

Frustration & anger should not be causes for discipline.

Instead, parent should act in love as Jesus did.

III. How can we do godly parenting?

2) Impress the hearts of children with a love for God

*Matthew 22:36-38

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.’”

Jesus answered from Deuteronomy 6:5 which is the first and greatest commandment.

III. How can we do godly parenting?

2) Impress the hearts of children with a love for God

*Deuteronomy 6:5-7

(5)““Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.’ (6)‘These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.’ (7) ‘Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.’”

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Verse 5 shows love for God is our purpose of life.

- We glorify God by loving him with our whole being.

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Verse 6 is very important prerequisite in impressing process.

- Role model
- Learning by imitation
- Three loves

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(7) ‘Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.’”

Verse 7 gives how to impress the hearts of children.

- How?-----Impress them by talking
- What?-----A love for God (God’s story)
- When & where?----Sitting at home
 - Giving a ride
 - Beginning & closing of a day

III. How can we do godly parenting?

Parents must impress their children intentionally, passionately and fervently while they are in our homes.

Don't expect to be able to utilize all that you have learn overnight. Change takes time. You must be patient with your children, yourself, and especially, with your spouse in the process of implementation.