

POWER PRINCIPLES THAT MAKE FAMILIES THRIVE

THE POWER OF A POSITIVE PARENT

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Psalm 34:11--Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

- _____: Showing love and support to your child.
- _____: Directing and correcting the actions of your child.

WHAT IS YOUR PARENTING STYLE?

1. _____ PARENTING.

Philippians 2:3--Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

Proverbs 4:3-4--...he taught me and said, "Lay hold of my words with all your heart; keep my commands and you will live."

Philippians 2:13--For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

2. _____ PARENTING.

1 Samuel 3:13--For I told him that I would judge his family forever because of the sin he knew about; his sons made themselves contemptible, and he failed to restrain them.

Proverbs 19:18--Discipline your son, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to his death.

3. _____ PARENTING.

Genesis 19:18--Look, I have two daughters...

4. _____ PARENTING.

1 Samuel 20:30,33--Saul's anger flared up at Jonathan and he said to him, "You son of a perverse and rebellious woman! Don't I know that you have sided with the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of the mother who bore you? ...But Saul hurled his spear at him to kill him. Then Jonathan knew that his father intended to kill David.

Colossians 3:21--Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

Consider God's Parenting Style

See 1 John 3:1; Jonah 4:2; Romans 5:8; Matthew 7:11; Romans 15:7.

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Hebrews 12:6(NLT)--For the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes those he accepts as his children.
- **Not** _____
Hebrews 12:8(NLT)--If God doesn't discipline you as he does all of his children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really his children after all.
- **Not** _____
Matthew 10:29-31(NLT)--Not even a sparrow, worth only half a penny, can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid you are more valuable to him than a whole flock of sparrows.
- **Not** _____
Romans 8:15-16(NLT)--So you should not be like cowering, fearful slaves. You should behave instead like God's very own children, adopted into his family—calling him "Father, dear Father. For his Holy Spirit speaks to us deep in our hearts and tells us that we are God's children."

See Proverbs 19:18; Ephesians 6:1; Proverbs 13:24.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your definition of a positive parent?
2. Review the points and verses from this lesson. What personal application can you make from this teaching?
3. What are the major challenges facing parents today and what advice does God's Word provide for each?
4. Take some time right now to pray for the needs of those in your small group.