

The Glory of Biblical Parenting

1Cor 4 ¹⁵For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. ¹⁶Therefore I urge you, imitate me ...
11 ¹ Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

► When we jump right into the nuts-and-bolts of biblical parenting, we tend to miss something that pervades the whole topic: The _____ of biblical parenting.

► The glory of biblical parenting is easy to overlook, yet it is vital:

1) It helps us understand the “_____” of biblical parenting.

2) It helps us understand the _____ of the tree.

3) It is one of the best _____
when we are tempted to grow weary and discouraged.

► Having and raising children was an integral part of God’s _____ and calling to Adam & Eve.

► The immediate fruit of loving God with all your heart is loving your children and wanting them to love _____ with all their heart.

Deut 6.5 “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. 6 And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.”

► God makes honoring parents the _____
for honoring him.

Eph 6.2 “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: 3 “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth” (quoting Deut 5.16).

► A sign that always accompanies God-given revival is the hearts of fathers being turned to the _____.

Luke 1.17 He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, ‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, [and the hearts of the children to their fathers]’ and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord” (quoting Mal 4.6).

► God could have made us like the _____,
all at once and fully developed – no marriage, no procreation.
But God did it *this* way for _____.

Gen 1.28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Gen 9.1 So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.

► The heart of biblical parenting is _____

God in our parenting, so that we can call our children to _____ us in our discipleship.

► The Christian home is not just a place of religious instruction; it is a place where love for God & his word, exhibited through imitation of God, is _____ and further imitated.

1Cor 11.1 Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

Mat 5.44 "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust."

John 5.19 "The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner."

Eph 5.1 Be imitators of God as dear children.

► What are two areas of imitation that we will never be able to hide from our children?

1) _____

► "I don't think I'm up to this. What's Plan B?"

► Perfection is not required, only genuine

_____.

Hosea 11.1 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My Son.

Deut 8.5 You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the LORD your God chastens you.

Gal 4.1 ... the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, 2 but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. 3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world.

Heb 12.5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; 6 For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." 7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?

1Cor 4 ⁹God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. ¹⁰We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored!

"Living consistently with the faith does not mean living perfectly, but living in a way that reveals that God and his word are the most important things to you. Such a parent can honor God in his failure, with his humility in confession and his determination to change (repent)." (Paul Tripp, *Age of Opportunity*, 175).

2) _____

► You cannot sow perfection, but you can sow genuine discipleship. And if that's what you sow, that's what your children will _____.

2Tm 3 ¹⁰[Y]ou have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, ¹¹ persecutions, afflictions ... And out of them all the Lord delivered me.

John 5 ²⁰ "[T]he Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does"

Gal 6 ⁷ [W]hatever a man sows, that he will also reap