

Context of Biblical Parenting — A Godly Household

Hosea 11 ¹ “When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son.”

► We have seen that the heart of biblical parenting is to imitate _____, while calling your children to imitate you in faith, love, and obedience.

1Cor 4 ¹⁵ [I]n Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.
¹⁶ Therefore I urge you, imitate me ... 11 ¹ Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

Eph 5 ¹ [B]e imitators of God as dear children.

► A vital part of our imitation of God is imitating how he _____. After all, God is the perfect _____. Every practice of _____ parenting is an imitation of the Father; every practice of _____ parenting is a failure to imitate the Father. Everything God tells us to do with our children is something he does with his _____ children. God gives us lots of _____ and _____ in Scripture. What ties them all together is God’s own _____. God’s example is the picture that goes with the instructions – it shows us how everything _____ together. If we don’t follow God’s example, we will end up parenting by _____ & _____.

Eph 6 ⁴ And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

► The most detailed example of God’s parenting is found with the children of _____. They are pictured as _____ children at the time of the exodus, and as children come of _____ at the time of Christ.

Gal 4 ¹ Now I say that 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. ⁴ But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son

Deut 8 ² [T]he LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not ...

⁵ You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the LORD your God chastens you.

Heb 12 ⁵ [Y]ou have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons [quoting Pr 3.11-12]: “My son, do not despise the chastening [paideia, training] of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; ⁶ For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges [mastigoō, physically disciplines] every son whom He receives.” If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons

► The first thing we see God do after the exodus is set up a _____, a little world where his children are governed by godly rules in a godly environment in order to train them up to godly maturity. The goal is for our households to _____ the main features of God’s household, so that our households, like his, are a powerful force for producing strong, glad, godly children.

Lev 22 ¹⁸ Speak ... to all the children of Israel ... the house of Israel

Eph 2 ¹⁹ [Y]ou are members of the household of God

1Tim 3 ¹⁵ [T]he house of God ... is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

► Features of God’s household we should imitate in ours:

1) God’s goal: To train up his children to be governed by a heart of _____, _____, & _____.

Mat 22 ³⁷ Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’

³⁸ This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” (quoting Dt 6.5; Lev 19.18)

1Tim 1⁵ Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith

Prov 4 ⁷ Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom.

Col 1 ³ We give thanks to ... God ... for you, ⁴ since we heard of your faith and of your love for all the saints ... ⁹ [W]e ... pray ... that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom ...; ¹⁰ that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God

2) God's method: Immersion in the word written, spoken, & lived out, plus correction & discipline, all to take the law of faith, love, & wisdom from _____ to _____, and folly from _____ to _____. Only the Holy Spirit can take the law from outside to in, but the Spirit uses _____, one of which is parents following God's method.

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. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." ... 30 ¹⁹ "I have set before you life and death ... choose life ... ²⁰ that you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life"

Jer 31 ³³ "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

Prov 22 ¹⁵ Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of correction will drive it far from him.

Luke 18 ¹⁵ Then they also brought infants to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶ But Jesus called them to Him and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. ¹⁷ Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."

Luke 8 ⁵ "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶ Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. ⁷ And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. ⁸ But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold."

Eccl 10 ¹⁶ Woe to you, O land, when your king is a child, And your princes feast in the morning! ¹⁷ Blessed are you, O land, when your king is the son of nobles, And your princes feast at the proper time — For strength and not for drunkenness!

3) God's overall household environment:
_____ and _____.

Eph 5 ²⁰ [G]iving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

Ps 34 ¹ I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Heb 13 ¹⁵ [B]y Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

Neh 8 ¹⁰ "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Rom 14 ¹⁷ [T]he kingdom of God is ... righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.