

Welcome to the Parent Connection



**HELP YOURSELF TO FOOD AND VISIT WITH
OTHERS**

Introductions



- Names
- Who is in your Family?
- What is your occupation/largest way you spend your time?
- What is something you really like to do as a family?

Foundational Truths of The Parent-Child Relationship



What Is Our Ultimate Goal as parents?



- 36"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38This is the great and first commandment. 39And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
 - Matthew 22:36-39 (ESV)
- That our children love God with all of themselves and love others

What Is the Natural State of People's Hearts?



- 5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
 - Psalm 51:5(ESV)
- 9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?
 - Jeremiah 17:9 (ESV)

What Is The Connection between Hearts and Actions?



- 20b"What comes out of a person is what defiles him. 21For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. 23All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."
 - Mark 7:20-23
- Actions provide a window into people's hearts

Discipline for Our Child's Heart



EPHESIANS 6:1-4

Instruction to Children



- 1Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2"Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), 3"that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land."

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- 21Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.
 - Colossians 3:21

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- What are some examples?
- Why might these things cause anger?

Instruction to Parents



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- To nourish, to rear

Instruction to Parents



- Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up **in the discipline** and instruction of the Lord.
- Broad sense of training
 - Includes reproof, chastisement but not limited to
- What are some general examples of training?
- What does this look like in parenting?

Instruction to Parents



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- Verbal teaching, admonition, warning...
- What are topics we need to talk with our children about?
- How can we instruct our children in ways that encourage openness and interaction from them?

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Instruction to Parents



- What motivates a parent's rearing of their children?
- What do we need in order to discipline and instruct and children effectively?

Principles of Good Discipline



- Calm
- Clear
- Consistent
- Concerned for the heart

- What happens when these are missing?

Grace for Our Child's Heart



How Does God Show us Grace?



- Pursues & initiates His love toward us (John 3:16)
- Forgives (1 John 1:9)
- Loves because of who He is, not who we are or what we've done (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- Trains/disciplines us out of love & for our benefit (Hebrews 12:4-11)

Grace for Our Children



What does it look like to show them grace the way God shows us?