

Marriage and Family: Enjoying The Journey
301: Healthy Friends & Family / Part-2 Parenting, Step-Parenting, Grand-Parenting & Mentoring Essentials

LESSON 14 What Every Parent Needs To Stop and Start

Ephesians 6:4 (NIV)

⁴Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Psalms 128:3 (NKJV)

³Your wife *shall be* like a fruitful vine In the very heart of your house, Your children like olive plants All around your table.

1. Stop and avoid negative parenting styles.

Favoritism

Fencing-In

Fault-finding

Forgetting

Forcing

2. Pursue positive parenting.

Ephesians 6:4 (NIV)

⁴Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, (**YOU**) bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

- Give them your devotion
- Give them discipline

Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

⁶Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Hebrews 12:11 (NIV)

¹¹No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Proverbs 19:18 (NIV)

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

- Give them direction

Deuteronomy 4:9 (NIV)

⁹Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

3. Share the joy. Share the load.

3 John 1:4 (NIV)

⁴I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

- Periodically complete the “Parenting Roles Analysis” assessment provided.

4. Discussion Questions:

Catch up with your group on how your children are doing overall.

Which of the “negative parenting styles” do you sometime find yourself doing? What does it look like?

Which of the “positive parenting styles” are more natural for you? Which one(s) do you have to work at the most?

Review your completed “Parenting Role Analysis” and discuss the areas that need to shift or change?

Who, when, where and how will these areas shift for you? Do you need to invite a parent, grand-parent or friend to help you with some of these responsibilities?

Spend the last few minutes praying for each other and your children, and these new directions to be pursued.