

## 2003 Series on The Family

God established four divine institutions with laws of divine establishment to govern human communal society in the devil's world (John 12: 31; 14:30; 16:11; 1 John 5:19; 2 Cor.4: 4).

- **DI#1 – Freedom (one) – Gen.1:26-27; 1 Cor.11:7**
- **DI#2 – Marriage (two) – Gen.2:18-25; Eph.5:28-30**
- **DI#3 – Family (three) – Gen.4:1-2; Eph.6:1-4**
- **DI#4 – Nation (all above collectively) – Gen.10:32; 1 Tim.2:1-4**

During the month of January, we are studying the following three lessons on the FAMILY.

1. **Origin of the Family**
2. **Parent's responsibility to Children**
3. **Children's responsibility to Parents**

### Lesson #2 Parents Responsibility To Children

**Today's lesson will study FIVE aspects of PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CHILDREN. In this lesson, we will study six laws of divine establishment for parenting.**

#### 1. **The Bible declares that children are gifts from the Lord (Psa.127: 3-5).**

“Behold, children are a gift of the Lord; the fruit of the womb is a reward.” (127:3)

“Children too are a gift – not the mere product of virility and fertility (see 113:9 and note Gen.30:9).” (NIV, Psa.127:3)

Jacob answers Esau's question, ‘who are these with you?’ with this doctrinal truth in Gen.33:5 – “The children whom God has graciously given your servant.”

The biblical concept of FAMILY comes from believer's relationship with God the Father (Eph.3:14-15).

#### 2. **God designed the human family with laws of divine establishment for both the parent and the child.**

These laws of divine establishment are designed to give stability and continuity to the human communal society.

“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.” (Prov.22:6)

“Bring them (children) up in the training and instruction of the Lord.” (Eph.6:4)

### **3. God holds both the parent and the child accountable to these laws of divine establishment of the family (Deut.24:17).**

With the coming of the messianic age, believers are to God’s ambassadors “to turn the hearts of parents back to their children.””(Luke 1:16-17; Mal.4: 6; Matt.23: 37-38).

### **4. God has established the parent as the divinely delegated authority of the family.**

Thus the parents are responsible for the rearing of the children and not vice versa. Whenever the reversal of roles occurs, it produces a dysfunctional family. King David’s family is an example of this principle in the rape of Tamar and the rebellion of Absalom (2 Sam.13-15).

Joseph is an OT example of how a child can overcome poor parental training through cycling bible doctrine through the faith to his human experiences (Rom.10:17; 2 Cor.5:7; Rom.12:2; Eph.4:22-24).

The sins of parental training can be overcome in your life by the power of God’s regeneration, grace, and His word working in your life (Rom.3:24; 5:1; 1 Cor.15:10; 2 cor.12:9; Eph.1:7; 2 Pet.3:18).

How does the parent know when he is doing a good job?

### **5. The following six laws of divine establishment for parenting will help answer about doing a good job.**

**1 – Parents (father and mother) are the divinely delegated authority**, not the grandparents, and are responsible for rearing the children (Eph.5: 31; 6:1-4). Grandparents are only a support base to other parents in the family. Understand the chain of command (1 Cor.11:3 – God to Jesus to husband to parents to children).

**2 – Parents are responsible for rearing their children** (Eph.6: 4; Col.3: 20; Mark 7:27). Parents are held accountable for this rearing. Inappropriate parental training can affect children to the third and fourth generation without enormous effect to correct it (Deut.5:7-10).

**3 – Parents are responsible to protect the child’s body, spirit, and soul** (1 Thess.5: 23; Prov.4: 1; 5:7; 7:24; 8:32; 14:26; Matt.18: 2-6; Luke 23:28-31).

**4 – Parents are responsible for evangelism and the spiritual training of their children** (Deut.6: 7-8; 11:18-19; Matt.22: 37-38; 2 Tim.3: 15; Matt.19: 14; Eph.6: 4; 3 John 4). These parents will be blessed and their children will impact their nation and the world for Christ (Psa.112:1-3; 128:1-4; Prov.31:28-29; Prov.17:6; Titus 1:6).

**5 - Parents are responsible for the instructional discipline of their children** (Prov.19: 20; 22:15; Eph.6: 4; Heb.12: 5-12; 1 Tim.3: 4-5,12/ ministers and deacons).

**6 – Parents are responsible for positive reinforcement in their child’s life** (Eph.6: 4; Col.3: 21; 1 Thess.2: 11-12). On the blank lines write the negatives and positives listed in Eph6: 4 and Col.3: 21

**Negatives:**

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**Positives:**

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**“Just as a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him. For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we that we are dust”  
Psa103: 13-14**

**The home is the first place for the family to live for God and not the last  
1 Tim.3: 4,12**