

Mentoring: Teaching & Training

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Review: Temperament & Egocentrism

Temperament – Jn 1:43-50 Nathaniel – trusts easy; Jn 20:24-29 – Thomas – doubts easy; Lk 9:51-54 Sons/Thunder; Jn 21:7 Peter; Lk 10:38-42 Martha & Mary

Egocentrism – Mt 10:35-37 – James/John; Mt 26:34-35 Peter/denial

Eph 6:4 And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Colossians 3:21 Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.

Parenting Imperatives – Negative

6:4 – Fathers – emphasis on fathers – cp 6:1 - parents

6:4 Provoke to anger – parorgizo – para+orgizo/orge – orgao to swell; make angry, rage, orge = wrath of God; thumos – outburst of passionate anger cp orge – deliberate thought, mind-set, policy of hatred, bitterness, despise, reject

3:21 – provoke, exasperate – erethizo – irritate, rouse to anger, treat unfairly, and embitter erethistes – rebellious person

Methods

- Discipline with anger – behavior elicits father’s anger expressed to child
- Attack person cp behavior – make it personal – children take it personal
- Controlling – overprotection, overly strict, molding personality
- Discipline unfairly – dominate rather than educate Jer 46:28 God disciplines fairly
- Provoke to anger and then crush the rebellion when he/she confronts the abuse

Motives

- We all parent as we were parented – subconscious memories
- Fear of parental failure – children might make catastrophic failure
- Embarrassed by child’s misbehavior – avoid or control social stigma
- Extreme discipline – solve problem once and for all 3:21 – discouraged – athumeo – a/thumos – passion, desire, spirit – broken spirit, repressed emotion, loss of hope of being loved and treated fairly
- Deep seated repressed anger and rage – not safe to be honest about feelings
- Rage will surface later when dealing with his own children

Parenting Imperatives – Positive

6:4 but – alla strong contrast – opposite of provoking to anger

6:4 bring them up – ektrepho – give food Mt 25:37, fatten Jms 5:5, nurture baby Act 7:20, nourish 1Tim 4:6 – take care of, rear, raise children

- General word for taking care of someone in your charge – 5:29 – wife
- Includes teaching, discipline and practical application to life 6:4 discipline – paideia – positive instruction, train, teaching – Moses Act 7:22, Paul Act 22:3, wisdom Prov 1:2, Exodus generation Dt 11:2; Chastise, correct, discipline, spank – God/bel Heb 12:5; Jesus/Pilate Lk 23:16, rod Prv 13:24, 23:13-14
- Common word for training and discipline of children – training program 2Tim 3:16 – doctrine/instruction; Rom 2:20 – instructor; Act 7:22 – Moses educated;
- Positive instruction – plan for teaching, instruction: school, church, bible studies; plan for educating children in all areas of life
- Correction – discipline system to correct faulty belief/behavior – Heb 12:5 – includes rebuke and scourging; Rev 3:19 – God’s love = rebuke and chasten 6:4 – instruction – nouthesia – lit – place in the mind; admonish, warn, advise, remind, ethical & corrective instruction – practical application to life experiences. Job 30:1 – Job describes his “advisors” as those who noutheteo – warn and teach him
- Job’s friends developed logical theological cases to warn him about his sin
- They used his situation and drew analogies from life to correct his thinking.
- Admonition – using life situations to warn children about decisions/consequences

Deut 6:6 "And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart; 7 and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. 8 "And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be bound on your forehead. 9 "And you shall write them on the door posts of your house and on your gates.

Conclusions

1. We parent our children as we were parented – we emulate our parents and re-create the environment in which we are raised. Eph 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children
2. Our parent’s flaws & anger have been passed to us to be passed on by us Ex 20:5
3. Parental anger expressed toward children corrupts their belief system.
 - Athumos – w/out passion, emotion, repressed anger
 - Unfair discipline causes child to lose hope for fair treatment – angry
4. Christian parents have the opportunity to break the anger cycle. Eph 5:1 – parented by God and become a parent like God
5. Christian fathers are commanded to resolve their own anger issues.
6. Christian training is to be motivated by unconditional love – Heb 12:5
7. Christian parenting is to have a system of fairness – Jer 10:24; 46:28
8. Parental training includes instruction, correction and warnings from life examples
9. Parents are to use real life to develop application for their children to see.
10. Children’s responsibility: hupakouo – hear and obey