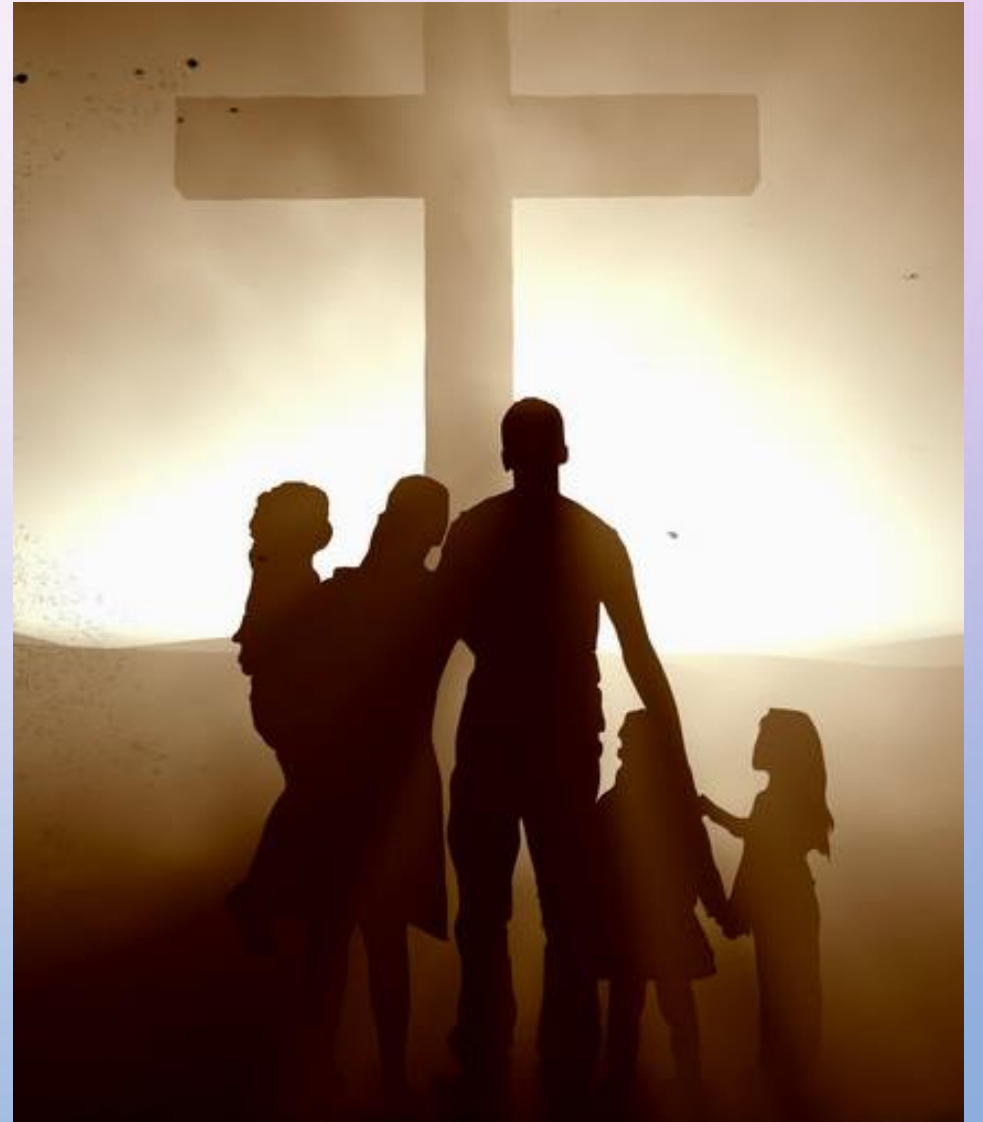


Godly Parenting

With Aunty Gnanam Rajasingh

Why Parenting Is So Important

- ✓ Parenting impacts the next generation and future of our society.
- ✓ What our children become in the future will largely be a reflection of what we as parents BELIEVE Today.



To Facilitate Children's God Given Purpose

- ✓ Children are God given gift.
We are shepered's
- ✓ God is the primary stake holder of our children
- ✓ To be good steward of what God has entrusted to us.



How Do We Morally Train A Child In A Practical Way?

- ✓ Give them moral instruction i.e. Telling them what is acceptable.
- ✓ Why to do or why not to do a particular thing
- ✓ Eg. A child trying to pluck a flower from the park as you walk in. You explain why he should not.



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- ✓ This value can get deposited in his wear house & he will continue to use it in any such given situation.
- ✓ In the long run it would pay dividend, because you are grooming a morally responsible child.



How Do We Morally Train A Child In A Practical Way?

- ✓ Encouraging right patterns of conduct, which in turn influences healthy habits of the heart



Godly Training In Parenting

Proverb - 22:6

“Train up a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old he will not depart from it.”.

நீதிமொழிகள் - 22:6

“பிள்ளையானவன் நடக்கவேண்டிய வழியிலே

அவனை நடத்து;

அவன் முதிர்வயதிலும் அதை விடாதிருப்பான்.”.

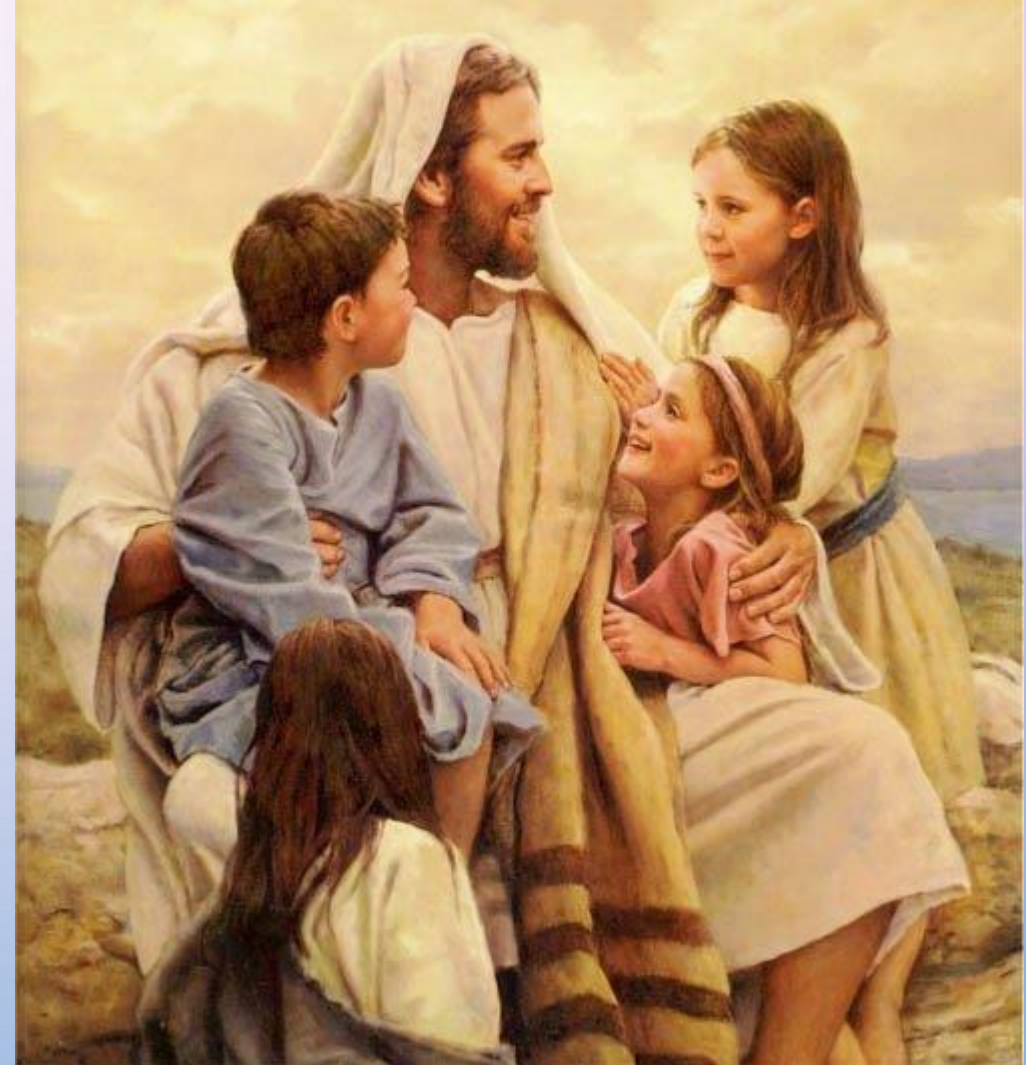
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- ✓ Parenting is - stewardship towards what God has entrusted in our hands... A soul to win and nurture for HIM so that a generation next will know God and live for him.
- ✓ Parenting is “defining God” to our children



God Our Heavenly Father Is Our Role Model For Parenthood

- ✓ God - A Parent Model for Training
- ✓ Foundation for all our training should be LOVE
- ✓ All of Gods actions are based on love (1 John 3:1)
- ✓ Story of Prodigal Son depicts the father heart of God
- ✓ The Lord's dealings with Israel were always based on love



Three Foundational Character Traits Of God

- ✓ God's unconditional love.
1 John 4:8; Rom 5:5
- ✓ His guidance and instruction. Psalm 32:8
- ✓ Just God: one who chastises & corrects. Hebrew 12:5-11



Success Of Parenting Depends On 3 Building Blocks

- ✓ A godly foundation of unconditional love and security.
- ✓ Living together with significance, acceptance and praise.
- ✓ And finally accompanied with loving discipline.



Six Things Needed to Train a Child

1. Expressing Affection

- ✓ Express affection to even grownup children by gently touching them or patting on their back
- ✓ It's good to express affection by our touch Don't hold back your affection. It affirms him/her
- ✓ Shows the child you appreciate her for who she is
- ✓ Prodigal's father hugged and kissed him



1. Expressing Affection

Key Thought

- ✓ We must express love the same way the Father expressed love to the Prodigal Son - GRACE
- ✓ Love & affection - Builds Security, Love And Trust



2. Being Available

- ✓ Being there in times of need
- ✓ Keeping promises
- ✓ Remembering their special dates
- ✓ Giving them the needed attention
- ✓ Sensitivity to subtle messages



2. Being Available

Key Thought

- ✓ God is never too busy for us
- ✓ He is our very present help in trouble
- ✓ Children need Presence - not just Presents



3. Accept Failures

- ✓ Success oriented society
- ✓ Give them opportunity to fail
- ✓ Let them learn to face failures
- ✓ Encourage them - not despise them
- ✓ Let them know they can come back to us even when they failed us



3. Accept Failures

Key Thought

- ✓ God does not deal with us according to our sins and failures



4. Use Scripture and Prayer

- ✓ Deut 6:1-2, 6-7: pass on godly legacy
- ✓ Children must build their values based on biblical principles
- ✓ Training through scripture & memorization (2 tim 3:15 -17)
- ✓ Prayer for children (job 1:4f)
- ✓ Praying mothers: John Wesley



4. Use Scripture and Prayer

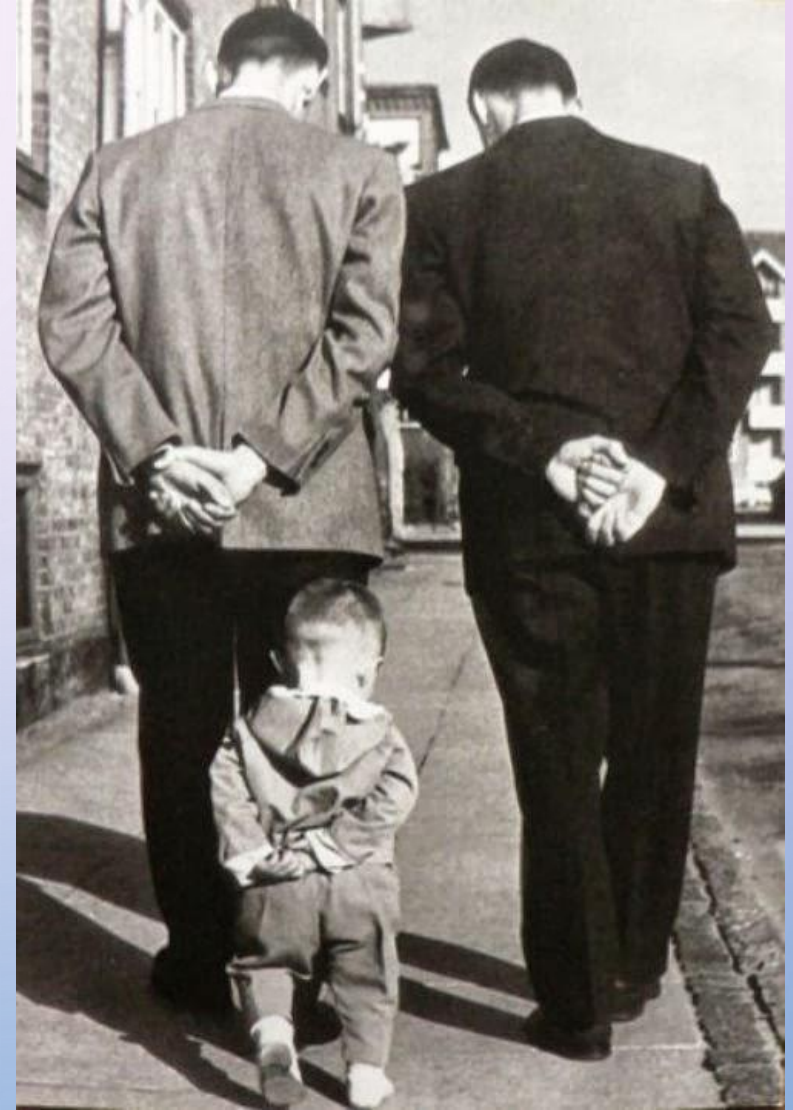
Key Thought

✓ God is in the Ministry of Intercession for us even now



5. Teach by Example

- ✓ Character is Caught more than taught
- ✓ Practice what we Preach
- ✓ Lifestyle teaches more than preaching
- ✓ Jesus taught us by example (Phil 2:5-11)
- ✓ Be ye Holy, for I am Holy (1 Pet 1:15-16)



5. Teach by Example

Key Thought

- ✓ He carried the Cross before
He asked his disciples to
carry their own cross.



6. Disciplining in Love

- ✓ Emphasis's on issues of the heart.
- ✓ Help them to find their identity in Christ.
- ✓ Help them to be content with themselves.
- ✓ Right kind of discipline confirms Love.
- ✓ Wrong kind of discipline crushes the spirit and hardens the will.

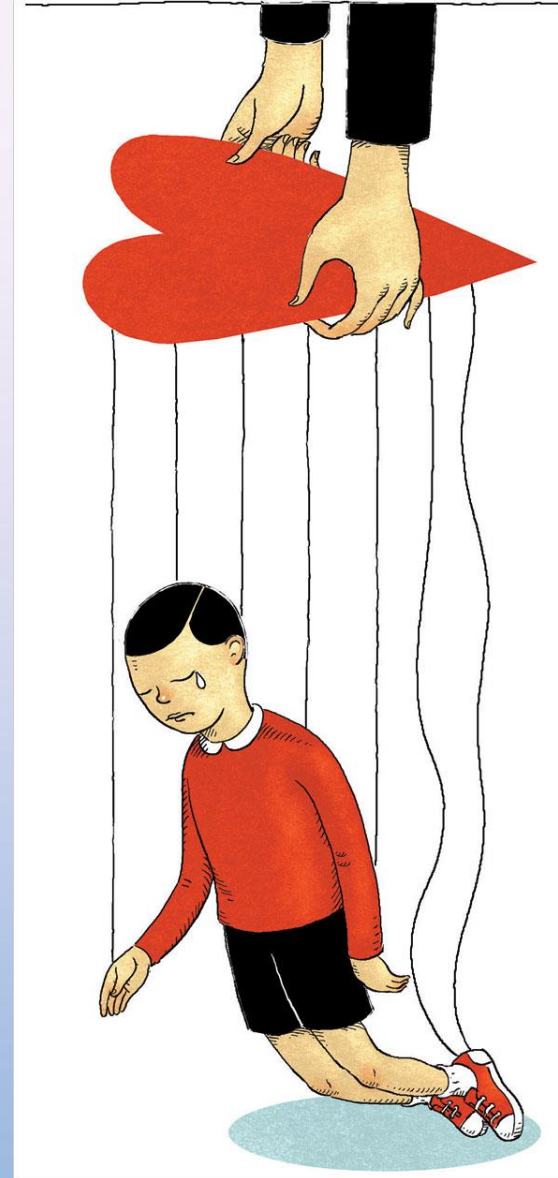


6. Disciplining in Love

- ✓ A child who lives with consistent correction learns that he or she is loved.

Key Thought

- ✓ Discipline balanced with love and tenderness will be greatly appreciated by the child
- ✓ If not now, then later



Six Things Needed to Train a Child

- ✓ Expressing Affection
- ✓ Being Available
- ✓ Accept Failures
- ✓ Use Scripture and Prayer
- ✓ Teach by Example
- ✓ Disciplining in Love



Conclusion

- ✓ We need the Wisdom & Grace of God to deal with our children.
- ✓ We are not owners of our children; they belong to God and we are just care takers
- ✓ Make all efforts to bring them up as children pleasing to God
- ✓ Fulfill the task entrusted to us in bringing up a Godly heritage

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Luke 2:52

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature,
and in favour with God and man.

லூக்கா 2:52

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வளர்த்தியிலும், தேவகிருபையிலும், மனுஷர்
தயவிலும் அதிகமதிகமாய் விருத்தியடைந்தார்.

Lord
Help us to
lead a
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