

– 1 Cor 4.15; 11.1 –
Raising Godly Children 1
The Glory of Biblical Parenting

1 Cor 4.15 For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. 16 Therefore I urge you, imitate me ...

11.1 Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

* **Why** should we resist the temptation of jumping straight into the nuts and bolts, and dos and don'ts, of biblical parenting?

* **Why** is the glory of biblical parenting practical, even though it is not a "how to" item?

1) It help us understand the "_____" of biblical parenting.

2) It is one of the core _____ truths of biblical parenting.

3) It is one of the greatest _____ and _____ when we are tempted to grow weary or discouraged.

* **Genesis** teaches us that having children was an integral part of the _____ of God.

Gen 1.28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Gen 9.1 So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth."

* **What** is the immediate effect of loving God with all your heart?

Deut 6.5 "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. 6 And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."

* **God** makes the _____ of parents the pathway for children to grow into honoring him.

Eph 6.2 "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: 3 "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth" (quoting Deut 5.16).

* **What** was the sign of the people who had been made ready for the Messiah?

Luke 1.17 He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, [and the hearts of the children to their fathers]' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord" (quoting Mal 4.6).

* **God** didn't have to do it this way. He could have made us like the _____, all at once and fully developed. But the reason why God did it this way, through procreation and parenting, was all for our, and our children's, _____.

* **According** to Paul in 1Cor, what is the heart of biblical parenting?

1Cor 11.1 "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ."

Mat 5.44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

John 5.19 "The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner."

Eph 5.1 "Be imitators of God as dear children."

* **What** are the two areas our imitation of God should show up?

1)

Hosea 11.1 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My Son.

Deut 8.5 You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the LORD your God chastens you.

Gal 4.1 ... the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, 2 but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. 3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world.

Heb 12.5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; 6 For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." 7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?

2)

2Tm 3.10 But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, 11 persecutions, afflictions ... And out of them all the Lord delivered me.

John 5.20 "[T]he Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does ..."

* **The** Christian home is not just a place of religious instruction; it is a place where love for God and his word, and therefore the imitation of God, is _____ & further imitated.

* **"What's** Plan B for my children? What's the technique, methodology, program, or school that I can enroll my children in to guarantee they turn out well without me having to model Christian discipleship before them and say, 'Imitate me as I imitate Christ'? What's the approach that lets me say, 'Do as I say, not as I do?'"

* **Perfection** is not required; only genuine _____.

1Cor 4.9 ... God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. 10 We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored!

"Living consistently with the faith does not mean living perfectly, but living in a way that reveals that God and his word are the most important things to you. Such a parent can honor God in his failure, with his humility in confession and his determination to change (repent)" (Paul Tripp, Age of Opportunity p. 175).

Gal 6.7 "[W]hatever a man sows, that he will also reap"