

Family Matters

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The Parent-Led Home

The home that is blessed by God is led by parents who responsibly train their children to be respectful, submissive and obedient.

The Parent-Led Home

- Family Roles

- The Father – Eph. 5:23; 6:4

Ephesians 5:23 NKJV

For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

Ephesians 6:4 NKJV

And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

The Parent-Led Home

- Family Roles

- The Father – Eph. 5:23; 6:4
- The Mother – Tit. 2:4-5

Titus 2:4-5 NKJV

that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

The Parent-Led Home

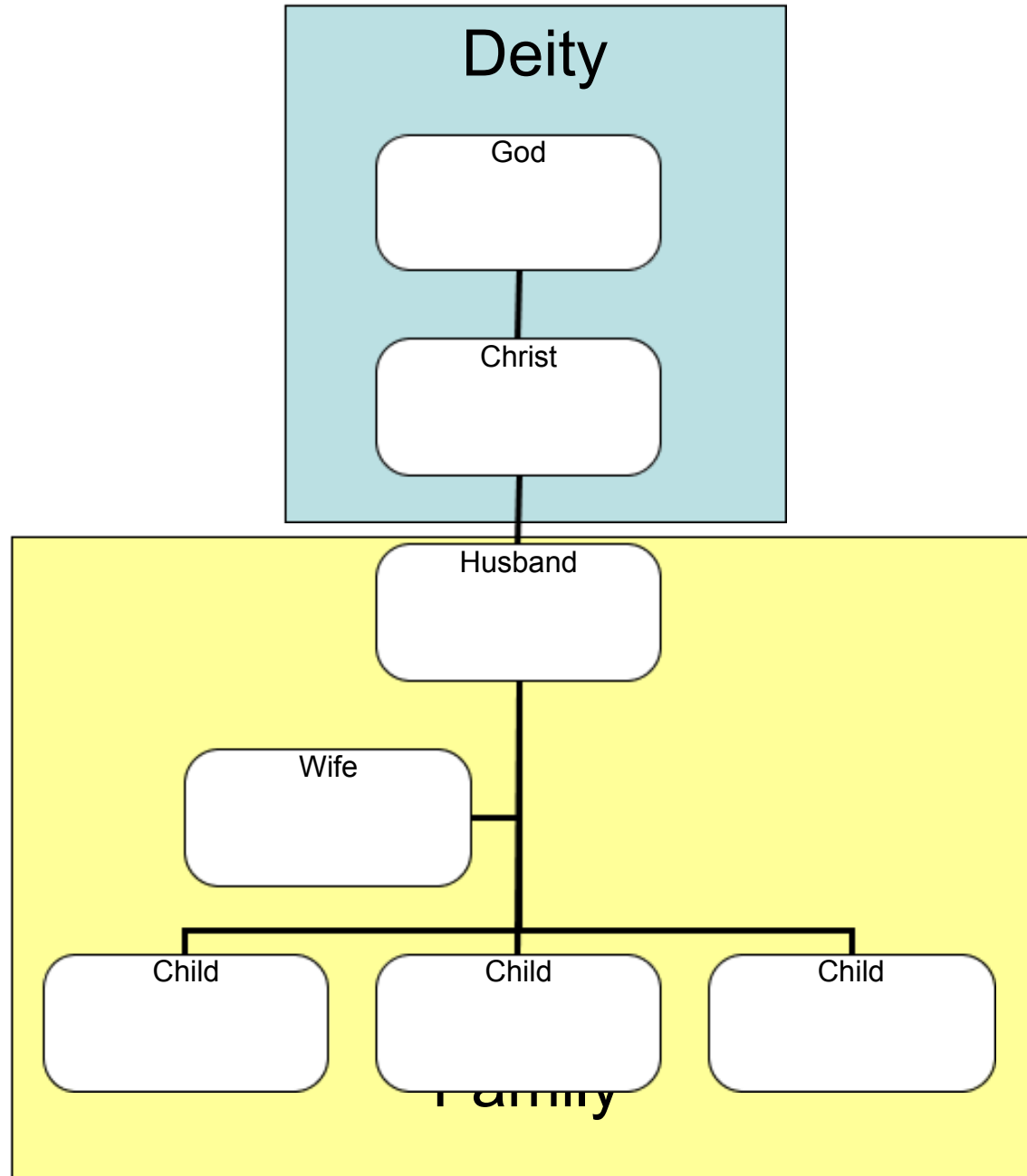
- Family Roles

- The Father – Eph. 5:23; 6:4
- The Mother – Tit. 2:4-5
- The Children – Eph. 6:1-3

Ephesians 6:1-3 NKJV

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 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."

Headship Roles



The Parent-Led Home

- Family Roles

- The Father: Commander
- The Mother: Executive Officer
- The Children: The Troops

Training the Child

- Consequences of Neglect
 - Eli (1 Sam. 3:11-13)
 - David (1 Kings 1:5-6)
 - The results:
 - Grief to his mother (Prov. 10:1)
 - Despises his mother (Prov. 15:20)
 - Grief to his father (Prov. 17:25)
 - Bitterness to his mother (Prov. 17:25)
 - Ruin to his father (Prov. 19:13)

Training the Child

- God has provided parents with everything they need:
 - Commands and instructions
 - Authority to make and enforce rules
 - The rod of correction
 - Control over every aspect of the child's life
 - The child's desire to please the parents

Effective Child Training

DISCLAIMER

Effective Child Training: The Early Years

- Tools

- Small switch OR
- Swat of hand OR
- Flick with finger
- On leg, arm or hand
- PURPOSE: To associate discomfort or mild pain with negative behavior and verbal correction

Effective Child Training: The Early Years

- Can begin very early
 - Not punishment, but training
 - Don't touch/grab/bite/hit
 - Not to climb stairs
 - Distinguishing wants and needs
 - To come when called

Effective Child Training: The Early Years

- DOES begin very early
 - We are always training our kids
 - The behavior you accept is the behavior you are training
 - What you allow, you encourage
 - Tone of voice
 - Warnings
 - Rewarding negative behavior

Effective Child Training: The Early Years

- Training vs. Discipline
 - Training is for modifying behavior, knowledge and skills
 - Discipline is for modifying attitudes
 - Which is more important, Actions or Attitude?
Prov. 4:23

Proverbs 4:23 NKJV

Keep your heart with all diligence,
For out of it spring the issues of life.

Effective Child Training: The Early Years

Temper-tantrum? Defiance? Willful Disobedience?
Ignoring Parents? Back talking?

- A serious issue
- You want this to happen when a child is very young
- It is unpleasant, but must be dealt with:
 - Switching/spanking until a child is fully submissive
 - Then immediately requiring prompt and respectful obedience to enough tasks to demonstrate his will is submitted
 - Repeat as needed

Effective Child Training: The Early Years

- Is Spanking Appropriate?
 - It is commanded - Prov. 19:18; Prov. 13:24; Prov. 22:15; Prov. 23:13-14; Prov. 29:15; Prov. 29:17

Proverbs 19:18 NKJV

Chasten your son while there is hope,
And do not set your heart on his destruction.

Proverbs 13:24 NKJV

He who spares his rod hates his son,
But he who loves him disciplines him
promptly.

Proverbs 22:15 NKJV

Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child;

The rod of correction will drive it far from him.

Proverbs 23:13-14 NKJV

Do not withhold correction from a child,
For if you beat him with a rod, he will not die.

14 You shall beat him with a rod,
And deliver his soul from hell.

Proverbs 29:15 NKJV

The rod and rebuke give wisdom,
But a child left to himself brings shame to his
mother.

Proverbs 29:17 NKJV

Correct your son, and he will give you rest;
Yes, he will give delight to your soul.

Effective Child Training: The Early Years

- **Appropriate Spanking**
 - Is motivated by love, not anger
 - Is exercised calmly, ideally with prayer
 - Is not suspended by last-minute obedience or contrition
 - Requires the child to submit to the spanking
 - Is appropriate punishment for the wrong behavior
 - Should be followed by submissive and respectful obedience
 - Should be followed by full restoration to fellowship with the parent

Effective Child Training: The Early Years

- Forces Undermining Effective Training
 - Lack of consistency
 - Parental laziness/distraction/business
 - Training requires time
 - Strong-willed children will periodically test

Effective Child Training: Older Children

- The Older Child
 - Is developing a moral sense
 - Has a greater ability to understand their behavior and consequences
 - Is growing more autonomous and independent
 - Physical correction is eventually replaced

Effective Child Training: Older Children

- Reality-based discipline
 - Wrong Behavior has Natural Consequences
 - Wrong Behavior affects Personal Relationships

Effective Child Training: Older Children

- Natural Consequences
 - Won't get out of bed?
 - Room not clean? Chores not done?
 - Laziness? Neglecting Responsibilities?

Effective Child Training: Older Children

- Relationships Affected
 - Complaining about dinner?
 - Lying or Deception?
 - Fussing or fighting between siblings?
 - Defiance? Ignoring Parents? Willful Disobedience? Back talking?

Effective Child Training: Older Children

- Parenting requires:
 - Consistency
 - High Expectations
 - Creativity
 - Tough Love
 - Faith

Effective Child Training: Older Children

- The Goals of Training and Discipline:
 - Heb. 12:5-11

Hebrews 12:5-11 NKJV

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? 8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.

Hebrews 12:5-11 NKJV

9 Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? 10 For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. 11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

God's way is the
best way!