



Discipling Your Children

1. Our Calling

- What is a Disciple (Disciple-Maker)? A follower of a teacher or leader.
- What are the habits of a Disciple-Maker? Abiding in Christ, sharing our faith (most often by example), exposing them to regular worship, pursuing those that stray, equipping for spiritual maturity, releasing them to ministry.
- What is a follower? One that follows the opinions or teachings of another.
- What must you do to be a disciple / follower of Jesus? Take note, it is written in red!
- **Deny ourselves take or pick up our cross and follow Jesus!**

2. Being a disciple or Christ follower takes a decisions & discipline

“This is what the LORD says: “Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is (the godly way (NLT), and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.” Jeremiah 6:16 (NIV)

3. Discipline

The practice of training our children to obey rules or a code of behavior. To train or develop by instruction and example. Spend time in Psalm 119. See also Matthew 7: 24-29 (NIV)

- Use your instruction manual – The Creator of all – Immanuel! God with us!
- *“For our good, in order, that we might share in His holiness.” Hebrews 12: 10*
- Says holiness not happiness. Holiness is to be set apart for a purpose.



- God has chosen suffering as a way to perfect his children why as parents do we deny our children this grace.

4. Two Components of Discipline

Formative Discipline & Corrective Discipline. (% vary in season)

- Formative discipline is to teach & train.
 - Teach & Train the High 5 every day: We must fortify the rails of teaching and training. Giving them good tracks to operate within. F O R G E
 - Forgiveness
 - Obedience
 - Respect
 - Gratitude
 - Everything Else (What's unique to each child)
 - Corrective Discipline is to rebuke & correct. We cannot take our children's behavior so personal.

"I give you this charge – Preach the Word: Be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke, and encourage with great patience & careful instruction." 2 Timothy 4: 2 (NIV)

- What do you rebuke and correct?
 - Disobedience - Delayed Obedience is Disobedience!
 - Disrespect – Expression of the heart “Sounds like that is coming from a cloudy heart”
 - Dishonesty – Be a family of truth-tellers! ATTT

5. Parenting Style: Punitive, Permissive, or Purposeful

"Parenting is heart work. We must understand the heart in which we are called to shepherd."



“Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”
Hebrews 4: 13 (NIV)

- **Permissive:** You are tolerant and lenient to their missteps until you’ve had enough then most often turns punitive. Too much effort to address. You excuse their behavior with “Kids will be kids”. Few rules, expectations or demands. You want your kids to be happy. Very nurturing and loving but very inconsistent. Often use bribery with gifts, food, toys as a reward for good behavior which encourages behavior modification. These kids struggle with self- regulation and self -control. They are crying out for boundaries.
- **Punitive:** You are reactive to their missteps as they deserve punishment for their wrongs. Treating symptoms (think bandaid) not addressing the condition. Fleashes itself out as behavior modification. Your body language is frustrated, angry, inconvenienced. Very reactive, looking for the quick fix. Breeds fear and insecurity in child. Rooted in the parent.
- **Purposeful:** Your efforts are redemptive in nature, trying to save child from himself. Forward focused. Treating heart condition- heart rescue mission. There is love and connection on the part of parent. You have a process mindset. Breeds unconditional love and security in child. You are a parent they can count on. You are rooted in Christ and grounded in truth.

6. Calling all Warriors!

Deuteronomy 6: 4-7 (NIV) Just Deu It! Listen & Obey / Our God is personal / Get in your own hula hoop / His word is a gift / Impress to leave an impression /SWLG!

Children are “like arrows in the hands of a warrior” Psalm 127: 4 (NIV)