

Parenting 101

All we wanted was a baby to hold...

How often have parents looked at each other and said, "All we wanted was a baby to hold."? Parenting adds a whole new dimension to individual lives as well as to a marriage, and while the blessings are many, so are the responsibilities and potential heartaches. The question in child rearing is not "How can we rear a good child?" but rather "How can we be godly parents?" This down-to-earth yet often humorous presentation provides insight for parents of all ages.



I. The Right vs. the Wrong Question

A. Wrong question:

"How can I _____"

B. Right question:

"How can I _____"

II. Reflect God's Love to the Child

Ungodly and unscriptural parenting styles:

Encourage not exasperate

- Acknowledge _____
- Be _____
- Model _____

A. Agape

1. _____
2. _____

Not unconditional acceptance of sinful or errant behavior

"I love you enough to _____"



B. Access

_____ available

1. Earn _____

2. Spend _____

C. Forgiveness

1. Release _____

2. Ask _____

D. Relinquishment

1. Work _____

2. Release _____

3. Refuse _____

4. Realize _____

E. Consequences

1. Discipline allows or demands consequences

a. Punishment _____

b. Reinforcement _____

2. Clear boundaries for expected behavior and explanation for the resulting consequences

3. _____ consequences

4. _____

F. "Tough Love"

"I love you enough to _____"

G. Compassion

"The child's _____"

III. God Loves the Child More Than You Do

Pray: " _____ "