



WELCOME



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Christ-Centered Parenting



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¹Unless the Lord builds the house,
the builders labor in vain.
Unless the Lord watches over the city,
the guards stand watch in vain.
²In vain you rise early
and stay up late,
toiling for food to eat—
for he grants sleep to those he loves.
³Children are a heritage from the Lord,
offspring a reward from him.
⁴Like arrows in the hands of a warrior
are children born in one's youth.
⁵Blessed is the man
whose quiver is full of them.
They will not be put to shame
when they contend with their opponents in court.

Ps. 127: 1-5



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Session 1: The DECISION of Parenting

Christ-Centered Home
Vs. Child-Centered Home



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Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

HEB. 12: 1-3



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Christ First or Child First

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. - Matt. 6:33-34



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4 In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. **5** And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says, **"My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,⁶ because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son."**



HEB. 12:4-6

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Disciplined or Despised

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity. –PROV. 3:1-2

My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in. – PROV. 3:11-12



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7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? 8 If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. 9 Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live!

HEB. 12:7-9



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Respect or Resentment

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— 3 “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” 4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

— Eph. 6:1-4



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¹⁰ They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. ¹¹ No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

HEB. 12: 10-11



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Holy or Happy

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(Godly or Good)



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- **What are some practical ways that you put Christ first in your home?**
- **What is your biggest worry about your child's future?**
- **What is the most important boundary for you to teach your children inside and outside your home? How have you taught your children this?**
- **How are you setting an example of respect in your home?**
- **Have you seen the cultural mindset that kids always must be happy? How have you encouraged your kids to choose holiness instead?**



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