

FOUNDATIONS FOR THE BIBLICAL FAMILY

Study Packs 1-9

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I. Course Description

An in-depth study from the Word of God on the family. This detailed study explains the role of the father, the mother, and the children. Much emphasis is given to how parents are to train their children.

II. Course Objectives

As a result of taking this class, the student should be able to:

- A. Understand the role of the family in God's plan
- B. Understand God's plan for parents
- C. Raise their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord

III. Course Requirements

A. Required Reading:

Listen to the lectures and complete the related material

B. Recommended Reading:

What the Bible Says About Child Training, J. Richard Fugate

C. Class work:

None

D. Bible Study Projects:

None

E. Bible Memorization:

Memory verses are given throughout the course

IV. Tests & Grading

Tests are graded on a percentage basis. A score of 80% or greater is required to pass. Scores lower than 80% will require that the student listen to the lectures pertaining to the lesson not passed. The tests and lessons correspond as follows:

Lesson 1 – Test 1

Lesson 2 – Test 2

Lesson 3 – Test 3

Lesson 4 – Test 4

Lesson 5 – Test 5

Lesson 6 – Test 6

Lesson 7 – Test 7

Lesson 8 – Test 8

Lesson 9 – Test 9

Note of Encouragement:

Parenting is a daunting task, especially in the day and age in which we live. However, God's Word has always had the solutions and answers to raising Godly children. God's way is timeless and transcends all cultures and all of man's devices.

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Study Pak 1

This course will be contrary to what the world teaches. We do not believe in _____
_____. If you discipline the Biblical way, abuse won't happen. A child that is under control is not a child that is being _____.

You should be able to speak and your children should _____. There's only one book that's worthy of child training and that's the _____. Put away all the things that you've learned by reading child books. There's no such thing as the terrible twos if you're doing it right. If you're doing it wrong, you've got the terrible ones, the terrible twos, the terrible threes and then it gets worse. Are you going to believe a book that has _____ itself; that has been totally accurate, that gives us prophecy that always comes to pass or are you going to believe some psychiatrist?

We have too many people with worldly credentials telling us how to train children. We have people going around saying "What does the latest Spock book say?" We've got too many children that were _____ and not _____. How did his kids turn out? Terrible. Disastrous. Rebellious. It didn't work! When something is as disastrous as what we see today in society, it doesn't take the brain of a peanut to know that something's wrong.

There are two distinct phases in child raising - _____ and _____
_____. Children will not accept training from someone they do not respect. You cannot train a disobedient child. That is why you see temper tantrums in public. Do you know why abuse happens? Abuse happens because the child gets so bad and the mother and dad don't know how to discipline them that they get so _____ and sooner or later there's going to be an _____ and something bad is going to happen. That is what we want to avoid.

How do we know that we will not hurt our children? First of all, I believe the Bible and I believe the Bible to be the Word of God. I told you that I would read this article in the Chicago Tribune dated March 10, 1989. A survey of 8th and 10th graders shows that a vast majority have tried drinking, and most don't wear seat belts. One in three have seriously contemplated _____. The 1987 sampling of 11,000 students in 20 states showed 25 % of the boys and 42% of the girls have considered ending their lives. Is it working out there? We have more "guidance counselors" than we've ever had before, more "counseling", more baby books. 15% have attempted suicide. This is an amazing statement "We were surprised by the suicide figures". They ought to be shocked and scared to death! This should have been headlines in the Tribune! In the 8th grade, 51% had tried cigarettes, and 77% had tried alcohol! How do we know the Bible will work? Listen, you can't hurt your child more than this permissive society we live in. By the 10th grade, the number rose to 63% for smoking and 89% booze! Listen to this statistic: 34% of the students reported that they had been threatened with violence in the preceding year! Do you see?! Let's look at some verses.

First I want to show you how _____ children are to God and man.

Genesis 16:2: “And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the Lord hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.”

Back in those days, they allowed multiple marriages. They always led to trouble. God’s plan is the _____ of one _____. I wanted to show you the importance of children; of course this was a lack of faith.

I’m going to show you again, the importance of children.

Gen. 18:19: “For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.”

Abraham was known as a man that could control his family. In raising children you have to have two things. You must be alert and you can’t tire of doing the job. You have to be alert because so many parents don’t ever see anything or they don’t want to, they give up.

Ephesians 6:4, “And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”

Don’t provoke your children to wrath. You know how you can provoke them? Provoke them by being inconsistent. One time they get in trouble for something, the next time they don’t. The child never knows what is going to happen. Many parents have no _____ over their children and they don’t believe they are supposed to. You don’t want to “stifle their creativity!” We have parents every once in awhile in our preschool that say “You’re too structured. We want more creativity for our child.” I’ll tell you what, there’s never been a bigger lie ever told! Don’t get me wrong. You can push kids too hard at a young age. I do not believe in pushing kids too hard. I believe in making learning fun. It ought to be a tremendous thing. I do not believe that a 3 year old should be pushed by his folks and in trouble by his folks if he doesn’t learn. If you don’t control a child you will never _____ a child. ***If a child cannot be controlled a child cannot be taught!*** We have a system in our public schools today that’s very dangerous. They never want to take the blame. They’ll say this child is hyperactive. Do you know how many “hyperactive” children we have in our school? None. I wonder why? We’ve got names for everything. It’s not our fault, we didn’t slip. Don’t get me wrong, kids have different energy levels but don’t fall for all these terms. They’re just excuses. They give these little kids tests then they say “This kid has a reading disorder and this kid has a malfunction.” They ruin perfectly good kids and put them in the Learning Disabled class. The kids get a bad name and a bad feeling. They feel like they’re worthless. It just doesn’t work! If you can just teach them and control them and let them find out that learning is fun. This system works! There’s no greater blessing on earth than when your kids get older. It worth it!

Why are there so many conflicting theories about child training? Why do the experts disagree so much if they’ve got it down so good? Society has generally accepted the children’s rights to be treated equal with adults. Listen, a child is a child and a child has got to be _____. A child does not have the mental capability of making rational decisions. Our society is trying to say that _____ discipline is abuse. For 200 years we did not believe this. George Washington believed in spanking. We were raised on the principle that “your daddy gets home, you’re going to get a licking!” We were raised on that for 200 years + in America and everybody believed it. We had a pretty good nation! We had a nation of people willing to work! We never produced a bunch

of babies that we're producing today! A spoiled child is never a _____ child. Have you ever seen a child throwing a temper tantrum that was happy? Never!

200 year + history, America has believed in discipline. Now all of a sudden we're told by a bunch of psychiatrists and psychologists that any kind of physical punishment is abuse. They tell you to _____ with your child. A 3 year old cannot be reasoned with. You can try it, it does not work! We've got this idea that these children have equal minds and they understand just what we do. They don't understand it. Children really don't start understanding reason until about 13. There is a time to reason when they get older and you don't have to use physical punishment. I hear parents say "If you stop that, when we get home we're going to have ice cream!" Then what have you just taught your child? You've taught them that every time they're bad, they're going to get ice cream. My children did not get ice cream when they were bad. They got "I scream, you scream, we all scream!" We didn't pamper them. People make all kinds of excuses. If you don't find it in the Bible don't get all shook up over it. Teach your children to be flexible and when they get older, they'll be a lot happier. Sometimes a child needs to sleep in but sometimes a child needs to get up early. A child has to learn how to do that. The approach we're seeing today is why there are so many uncontrollable teenagers.

As a parent we have only one chance to raise our children. Let's not learn by _____ and _____. By the time we learn it may be too late. You've got to learn the Bible way. God gives us great promises for us with our children, but most of the real blessings are going to come when they're teenagers. It's just the opposite in the world; it's a disaster. I know of a mother right now that is scared to live with her own son!

Prov. 10:1: "The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother."

Proverbs 23:24-25: "The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him. Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice."

There is nothing greater and yet there is nothing worse.

Proverbs 29:17, "Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul."

It means correct with physical discipline.

Proverbs 31:28, "Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."

The mother is to get exactly the same _____ that the father is supposed to get. The father is the head of the house but to a child, the mother and the father are to get equal respect. It is very important that they get this respect. Society today does not teach respect. Children are not respecting their moms and their dads. They are _____ them.

Let's look at the cursings. Look at Proverbs 10:1 again.

There's a love that the mother has for the son and a heaviness that a woman carries is even greater than the heaviness that a man carries. A man can go off and shake it off a little bit. The mother can't always do that.

Proverbs 17:21: “He that begetteth a fool doeth it to his sorrow: and the father of a fool hath no joy.”

It does not have to happen. I think we think it's like potluck. Whatever comes out is what we're going to have. Oh, we've got a bad son, isn't that terrible? You've got such wonderful children. It's not that we're a bunch of great people, it's the fact that we've got a great God and we _____ His Word.

Proverbs 29:15: “The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.”

Do you mean that spanking a child gives that child _____? Yes, I do. Why? Because a child under control is going to learn. They're going to have wisdom. The untrained child brings shame in the home but later goes out into the world unprepared. People ask how a child will cope if their brought up in Christianity. They are going to be prepared.

There are some parents who have already failed. We sorrow with you, but there's always hope. We're not going to point fingers at you. Some of you were too far gone before you even came and your child was too old. There's always hope that the child will come back but you better train them while they're young while there's hope for sure. What's happened in the past you put behind you. You don't look at the past. You look to Jesus Christ and the future. That's what's going to help.

God did not make child training a _____ or _____ proposition in which the parents have no control. God gives us His truth so that every parent may receive blessing. Proper training is the maximum expression of God's love. I believe in loving my children. I believe in hugging them. I believe in complimenting them. I praised them equally. I wanted them to always know that I treated them both the same. I wanted them to know that there was a fence post and over here I loved them to death and over here I would discipline them and they could walk along that middle with perfect peace and confidence. They could have a dad and a mom that they could talk with and laugh with. They could have a mom and dad that wasn't going to _____ on them every time they made a mistake. Too many parents get upset over the wrong things. We want to show you the total picture.

Job 33:4: “The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.”

Where did we come from? From God!

Psalms 127:3: “Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.”

The word “heritage” in the Hebrew refers to the child's _____ life. The fruit of the womb is the _____ life. Physically, your kids are from you but the soul of the child is a heritage from God and that soul came from God. You do not possess your child. They're a heritage of God. How many times do we try to make a child something we have created? Man usually doesn't know why he exists, much less a plan for his children.

God has a special plan for each one of us and He has a plan for our children but that plan will never be fulfilled if we don't train our children. We hope all turns out right with little thought on how we're do it. We need a plan on how we're going to train our child to _____.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7: “And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.”

You are to teach them in the morning, at noon and in the evening. We are to learn the precepts of God.

Do you love the Word of God? You ought to. Your children should be taught to love the word of God.

Ephesians 6:4: “And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”

Proverbs 22:6: “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Do you know what Swindol says about this verse? He says it means “let a child have his own personality and when he is old he won’t depart from it.” That is contradictory. You don’t train up to let them have their own personality; you just let it go. That’s not what it means. It means train up a child in the way he should go, the _____ way, and when he is old he won’t depart from it. This verse is self-explanatory. God commands to train but before we can train the child must accept. Children are to _____ both father and mother.

Exodus 20:12: “Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.”

Ephesians 6:2: “Honour thy father and mother which is the first commandment with promise.”

God will add years to your life, children, for honoring your parents. Now that doesn’t mean to honor them if you have to go against God. You always put God first. Peter said to always obey the magistrates but when the magistrates told him to disobey God he obeyed _____ rather than _____. Always be good to your parents, treat them good and you’re going to have a longer life. Be willing to take them in when they need help. Someday your children will take you in. I’m not saying there’s never a case for a nursing home. I’m just saying we should be willing to treat our parents as good as we possibly can. Parents are to receive this respect even though many will not feel worthy of it. God gives this authority to the parents. This is a God-given position and we must honor what God honors. Neither a father nor mother can allow disrespect to be shown to his or her authority. You can not allow it to take place. Don’t let it happen! You have the right, the God-given right, to have authority and to make your kids behave.

This course is critical to your child’s well-being. I wish we could speak all across America but without a local church and a Christian school it won’t work because they can’t fight the peer pressure. We need positive peer pressure.

Memorize the following verses:

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