

Bay City Wesleyan Church
September 22, 2019

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Sunday Morning 09-22-2019

Bringing up another person is difficult, but definitively fulfilling.
We're taking three Sundays mornings to dig up practical principles for
Parenting on The Front Lines.

September 15 ACTING FEARLESS WHEN YOU FEEL FRIGHTENED

How do we help children thrive in a scary world?

September 22 WORDS, RESPECT, AND LOVE

What's the balance between love and discipline?

September 29 IT'S NOT FAIR!

How can we share grace and forgiveness across generations?

<http://bible.com/events/694551>

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Ephesians 5:15-21 NET

15</small> Therefore be very careful
how you live - not as unwise but as wise, <font
color="#999999">16</small> taking advantage of every opportunity,
because the days are evil. <font
color="#999999">17</small> For this reason do not be foolish, but
be wise by understanding what the Lord's will is. <font
color="#999999">18</small> And do not get drunk with wine, which
is debauchery, but be filled by the Spirit, <font
color="#999999">19</small> speaking to one another in psalms,
hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music in your hearts to
the Lord, 20</small> always giving
thanks to God the Father for each other in the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ, 21</small> and submitting
to one another out of reverence for Christ.
<https://bible.com/bible/107/eph.5.15-21.net>

Ephesians 6:1-4 NET

1</small> Children, obey your
parents in the Lord for this is right. <font
color="#999999">2</small> " Honor your father and mother , "
which is the first commandment accompanied by a promise, namely,
3</small> " that it may go well
with you and that you will live a long time on the earth . "
4</small> Fathers, do not provoke
your children to anger, but raise them up in the discipline and
instruction of the Lord.
<https://bible.com/bible/107/eph.6.1-4.net>

Ephesians 5:1-4 NLT

1</small> Imitate God, therefore, in
everything you do, because you are his dear children. <font
color="#999999">2</small> Live a life filled with love, following
the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for
us, a pleasing aroma to God. <font
color="#999999">3</small> Let there be no sexual immorality,
impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people.
4</small> Obscene stories, foolish

talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God.

<https://bible.com/bible/116/eph.5.1-4.nlt>

Ephesians 4:21-32 NLT

<small>21</small> Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, <small>22</small> throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. <small>23</small> Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. <small>24</small> Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy. <small>25</small> So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body. <small>26</small> And "don't sin by letting anger control you." Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, <small>27</small> for anger gives a foothold to the devil. <small>28</small> If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need. <small>29</small> Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. <small>30</small> And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. <small>31</small> Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. <small>32</small> Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

<https://bible.com/bible/116/eph.4.21-32.nlt>

Sermon in 4 Sentences:

Strong love has two sides. One side will never stop loving your child. The other side will do what's best for your child regardless of the cost. If you want to truly love your children, you must have both sides.

ALLOW ME TO MAKE A FEW OBSERVATIONS.

Pitting love against discipline is an incorrect division.

Your responsibility is to discipline your child in love and not out of fear or anger or some other selfish motive.

Your goal as a Jesus following parent is to guide your children into responsible adults who follow Jesus with you.

You are responsible to guide your kids. You are not responsible for their decisions.