

Session 5 | Essential Frameworks: Early Childhood

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- Ephesians 6:1-4

Teach Your Child to Obey

- Shema: to hear with the intention to obey
- This is the most important skill you need to teach your child.

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Teach Your Child to Honor

Honor: to sort into proper order or arrangement; to show respect.

'Honor your father and mother,' which is the first commandment with promise: 'that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.' - Ephesians 6:2-3

Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. This Book





of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

- Joshua 1:8

Do Not Provoke Your Child to Wrath

- Don't be "personally offended" when your child hasn't yet learned self control.
- Instead, add wrong behaviors to your teaching "to-do" list.

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- Ephesians 6:4

Train Your Child

- Train: to turn the head ("nurture," KJV)
- To be slow and intentional
- To guide in a particular direction
- To encourage step by step

Admonish Your Child

Admonish: To exhort and rebuke

But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless. Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition...

- Titus 3:9-10





- Torah: instruction
- The source of all moral instruction



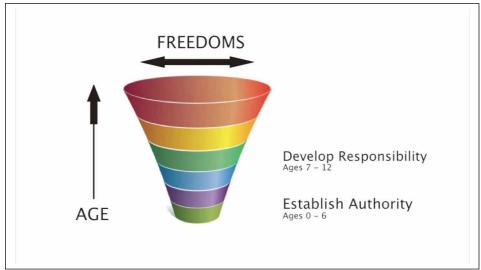
Tips for Teaching Self Control:

1. Do not allow your child to NOT NEED YOU until he has demonstrated self-control.

- Freedom
- Supervision

Teach and admonish your child how to have self-control during:

- mealtime
- waketime
- naptime



Wait to increase freedom until your child will obey and honor you in that area.





- 2. Be proactive, not reactive.
- 3. Help your child learn to think of others first.
 - Teach your child how to wait.

How Children Learn:

How a child develops vertically – descends head to toe How a child develops horizontally – simple to complex

- Growth always occurs in an orderly way.
- Children learn as they interact with their environment.

A parent's job is to influence and instruct ("training and admonition").

 ${f S}$ kills (especially motor skills)

 $oldsymbol{A}$ cademic (speech, counting, colors, etc.)

M oral (self control)

 As you read through the Bible, in your journal, write down parenting ideas and skills that you need to teach your child.

Book Tip:

Slow and Steady, Get Me Ready, by June Oberlander





- Actions precede belief.
- Rewards are important.
- Give the reason why, but require obedience.

4. Help your child gain control over fleshly passions.

 Freedom should only be earned as a child learns not to be enslaved to his own body.

For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

- Romans 8:6-7

Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

- Romans 13:13-14

And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?

- 1 Corinthians 3:1-3

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. - Galatians 5:16-17





...among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

- Ephesians 2:3

Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

- 1 Peter 2:11-12

For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

- 1 John 2:16

