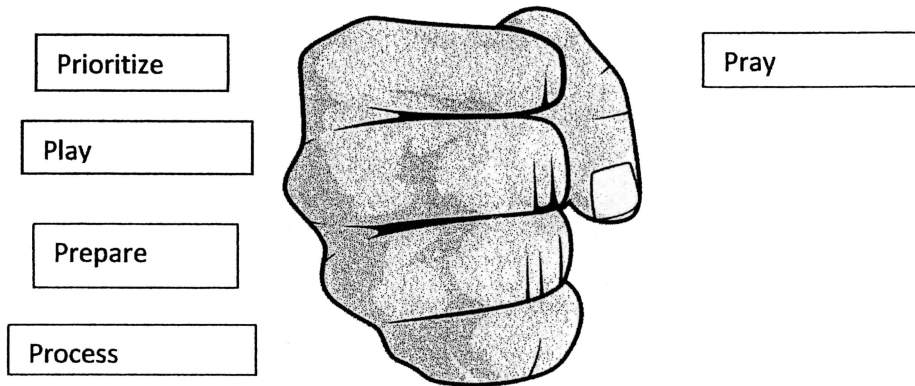


Raising Up Young Disciples

I. The Parenting "Power Hand"



II. Prioritize—Be Intentional! There Is Not Much Time!

A. The Four Jars of time and Influence

<u>AGE</u>	<u>TIME AND INFLUENCE</u>	
0-5 YEARS-----	100%	Begin Early!!!!
6-12 YEARS-----	75%	
13-16 YEARS-----	50%	
17-18 YEARS-----	25%	

B. Remember: Your Children are your _____

C. The Importance of Modeling: Prioritize Your Relationship With The Lord!

What **example** are you setting for your family as a disciple?

Are you in the _____ regularly?

Are you _____ for your family regularly? Why not?

What _____ do you watch?

How do you drive?

How do you deal with _____?

Remember: our children will imitate what they see _____ in our lives more than the things we say are important.

D. Love Your Wife!

The most important thing you can do for your children is to love their mother.

Are you growing _____ as a couple or apart?

III. Play Often

- A. How do you spell love? _____!!!!
- B. **Sports:** Are you a passive observer or intimately involved (parent vs. coach)?
- C. Invest in things that interest your _____.
- D. Ideas for Daughters: Dance together. Shopping dates!
- E. Take them with you on Saturday morning errands. Give your wife a needed break!
- F. _____ something together with your son.
- G. The degree of _____ I have is based on the _____ of my relationship with my children

IV. PREPARE: Training Your Children

A. Look For _____ (Deut. 6:7)

Morning _____.

_____, a special opportunity for Dad.

Make time for _____.

Write _____.

_____ after school.

Encourage _____ outside your home.

B. Minister together

Serve alongside your children at _____.

Family _____ locally and internationally.

Open your _____.

C. Share the ongoing testimony of God's work in your life

D. **Discipline: Training Them To Obey.**

1. Learning obedience is our children's primary _____ . (Eph. 6:1)
2. The Goal: Obedience to the _____ out of love, and trust (John 14:21).
3. Obedience is learned through _____. _____ is a normal part of parenting(Heb. 5:8)
4. Biblical discipline is showing _____ and _____ to your child. (Prov. 3:12)
5. Remember: Your children are welcome family _____, not the _____.
6. _____ is essential. Be sure that both you and your wife are in agreement.
7. Be sure that your relationship is characterized by _____.
8. The methods of discipline are _____ .
Age 0-6: Focus on "what". Age 7-12: Focus on "why"
9. Discipline tools:
 - a. The _____ (Prov. 22:15)
Useful for _____, rebellion, moral infractions (lying, stealing).
 - b. _____.
Useful for _____ infractions (being unkind to siblings, disrespect).
 - c. Extra _____ (Acts 20:35)
Useful for complaining spirit, selfishness
 - d. Loss of _____/Natural _____.
Freedoms must be **earned** and can be taken away if necessary.
 1. Freedom to: pick out clothes, stay up late, play computer games, have friends over to spend the night.

Be a **student** of your child....Which consequences are most effective?
10. Never discipline in _____ !!! (James 1:19-20)
11. Discipline involves both words and action.
 - a. Don't be a _____ parent
 - b. Mean what you say and say what you mean.
12. When you fail: "I was wrong. Will you forgive me"?

E. Training Life Skills

1. **Home management** (laundry, kitchen & bedroom chores, meal preparation).
 - a. Living in the family is a privilege that comes with _____.
 - b. Never do for them something that they can do for themselves.

Training method:

1. Tell them what is _____.
 2. Tell them the reason _____ (older children).
 3. _____ it.
 4. Help them perform the task.
 5. _____ on their work (accountability).
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2. **Treating adults with respect**
 1. _____ adults properly (shyness not acceptable). Handshake, eye contact, responding when spoken to.
 2. **Learning to care for others** (John 15:13)
_____ for each other while driving to school.

 4. **Learning To keep commitments** (Prov.20:6)

Keeping commitments is a sign of Godly character.

1. Commitments to: _____, mentors, coaches, teachers.

V. PROCESS: Cultivating Sound Judgment and Teachable Spirit.

a. Developing a habit of reflection (Luke 2:52)

i. How have you seen your children grow in:

1. _____?
2. _____?
3. Favor with _____?
4. Favor with _____?

ii. Movie reviews.

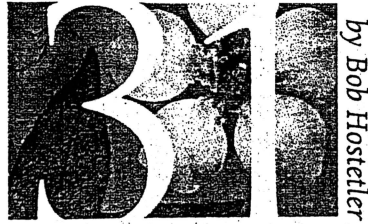
b. Projection: How will this play out in the future?

- i. Pouting-- May lead to passive aggressive behavior in marriage.
- ii. Lying---May lead to loss of job or lack of trust in workplace.

VI. PRAY REGULARLY

VII. ACTION ITEMS

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



BIBLICAL VIRTUES

to pray for your kids

1. **Salvation.** “Lord, let salvation spring up within my children, that they may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory” (Is. 45:8, 2 Tim. 2:10).
2. **Growth in grace.** “I pray that my children may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Pet. 3:18).
3. **Love.** “Grant, Lord, that my children may learn to live a life of love, through the Spirit who dwells in them” (Gal. 5:25, Eph. 5:2).
4. **Honesty and integrity.** “May integrity and honesty be their virtue and their protection” (Ps. 25:21).
5. **Self-control.** “Father, help my children not to be like many others around them, but let them be alert and self-controlled in all they do” (1 Thess. 5:6).
6. **Love for God’s Word.** “May my children grow to find Your Word more precious than much pure gold and sweeter than honey from the comb” (Ps. 19:10).
7. **Justice.** “God, help my children to love justice as You do and act justly in all they do” (Ps. 11:7, Mic. 6:8).
8. **Mercy.** “May my children always be merciful, just as their Father is merciful” (Lk. 6:36).
9. **Respect (for self, others, authority).** “Father, grant that my children may show proper respect to everyone, as your Word commands” (1 Pet. 2:17).
10. **Biblical self-esteem.** “Help my children develop a strong self-esteem that is rooted in the realization that they are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus” (Eph. 2:10).
11. **Faithfulness.** “Let love and faithfulness never leave my children, but bind these twin virtues around their necks and write them on the tablet of their hearts” (Prov. 3:3).
12. **Courage.** “May my children always be strong and courageous in their character and in their actions” (Dt. 31:6).
13. **Purity.** “Create in them a pure heart, O God, and let that purity of heart be shown in their actions” (Ps. 51:10).
14. **Kindness.** “Lord, may my children always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else” (1 Thess. 5:15).

15. **Generosity.** "Grant that my children may be generous and willing to share, and so lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age" (1 Tim. 6:18-19).
16. **Peace-loving.** "Father, let my children make every effort to do what leads to peace" (Rom. 14:19).
17. **Joy.** "May my children be filled with the joy given by the Holy Spirit" (1 Thess. 1:6).
18. **Perseverance.** "Lord, teach my children perseverance in all they do, and help them especially to run with perseverance the race marked out for them" (Heb. 12:1).
19. **Humility.** "God, please cultivate in my children the ability to show true humility toward all" (Titus 3:2).
20. **Compassion.** "Lord, please clothe my children with the virtue of compassion" (Col. 3:12).
21. **Responsibility.** "Grant that my children may learn responsibility, for each one should carry his own load" (Gal. 6:5).
22. **Contentment.** "Father, teach my children the secret of being content in any and every situation, through Him who gives them strength" (Phil. 4:12-13).
23. **Faith.** "I pray that faith will find root and grow in my children's hearts, that by faith they may gain what has been promised to them" (Lk. 17:5-6, Heb. 11:1-40).
24. **A servant's heart.** "God, please help my children develop servants' hearts, that they may serve wholeheartedly, as if they were serving the Lord, not men" (Eph. 6:7).
25. **Hope.** "May the God of hope grant that my children may overflow with hope and hopefulness by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Ro. 15:13).
26. **Willingness and ability to work.** "Teach my children, Lord, to value work and to work at it with all their heart, as working for the Lord, not for men" (Col. 3:23).
27. **Passion for God.** "Lord, please instill in my children a soul that 'followeth hard after thee' (Ps. 63:8, KJV), one that clings passionately to you."
28. **Self-discipline.** "Father, I pray that my children may acquire a disciplined and prudent life, doing what is right and just and fair" (Prov. 1:3).
29. **Prayerfulness.** "Grant, Lord, that my children's lives may be marked by prayerfulness, that they may learn to pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests" (Eph. 6:18).
30. **Gratitude.** "Help my children to live lives that are always overflowing with thankfulness and always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph. 5:20, Col. 2:7).
31. **A heart for missions.** "Lord, please help my children to develop a desire to see your glory declared among the nations, your marvelous deeds among all peoples" (Ps. 96:3).

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