

The background of the slide features a low-angle shot of a brick church building with a prominent steeple. The sky is a pale, clear blue. In the foreground, the dark, intricate branches of a tree with sparse, light-colored leaves are visible on the left side, partially obscuring the church. The overall lighting is soft and natural, suggesting a bright but slightly overcast day.

What **Every** Parent Needs to Know
Age 0 – 12 years

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Parenting Guru's

Being a parent evokes strong feeling and images that impact family life that can negatively impact a marriage and affect the changes that families have to go through.

- ◆ Educators, Physicians, Social Scientists, and Psychologist's have been the primary resource to tell parents how to parent.
- ◆ Parents and grandparents take over the authority of child raising, parenting, and how children are to develop and grow.
- ◆ Technology, books, blogs, articles, television, u-tube, movies, and cartoons, politics, and media continue to tell parents how to parent
- ◆ The Bible is generally the last resource used (if ever) to study and raise children.
- ◆ Teachers and school administrators trained in parenting and children are considered the experts in childhood behavior.
- ◆ The preacher, bible teacher or church is seldom seen as a resource necessary to raise children.



WHAT DO PARENTS NEED TO KNOW?

Brother Trice's Experiences



My experiences have been vast and varied:

- ✓ A **boy** growing up in rural AR in an family of five.
- ✓ Segregated public education
- ✓ Graduate of an HBCU in AR (Philander Smith College)
- ✓ Drafted into the military and served our nation as an officer in the U. S. Navy, retiring after 22 years of exemplary service
- ✓ Traveled all over the world
- ✓ Attended graduate schools in CA
- ✓ **Husband** blessed to be married to a brilliant and spiritual wife
- ✓ **Father** of two adult sons; uncle and great uncle
- ✓ **Church Leader**: Teacher, Preacher, Elder
- ✓ Psychologist: Private practice, University professor
- ✓ **Pastoral Teacher**/Preacher in church and other settings
- ✓ **Servant of God** /Minister wherever He leads

Mistakes, Errors, in Decisions Choices; man

Welcome to parenting God's view



A **parent** is a **father** and **mother** with **offspring**. They have the role of raising their children until they become adults.

- Childhood – Age 0-12
- Adolescent – Age 13-19
- Adult – Age 20 and above

Train a child **Eph 6:1,4; Pro 22:6** to obey their parents and bring them up by training and admonition of the Lord.

Teach an adolescent **Eph 6:2, Deut 6:7** to honor their father and mother and diligently, talk to them about all things.

Trust an adult **Eph 6:3** that it may be well with them because they obeyed their parents and honored them as they live a long life; as they acknowledge being children of God.

Biblically, 1 Cor 13:11 reminds us that when one is a child, they speak, think, and reason like a child, but when they become men or women they give up childish ways.

Foundational Parenting

*There are **biblical**, **cultural**, developmental, historical and social, ideas about how to parent!!!*

◆ **Biblical** (Gen) – Replenishment stage; Providing guidance in raising children based on the principal of bondage or blessings! *

◆ **Cultural** – (Exo/Lev/Num/Duet/Jos/Jud) Legal stage; Parent follow or ignore God establishes rules and teachings! Parents adapt or reject worldly norms. They transfer their culture and views to off-spring.

*bondage – the awareness and knowledge of sin

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- ◆ **Developmental** (**1 Samuel**) – **Consequential stage**; Children were taught by parents who choose the environment and principles to raise their children either with or without God. Children are physically and emotionally evaluated by their parents.
- ◆ **Historical** – (**Kings/Psalms/Proverbs**) **Repetitive Stage**; Parents base their child raising ideas of how they were raised and their established beliefs, bias and traditions. They refer to scripture generally as a reference!

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- ◆ **Social** (Luke 2) – Confidence stage; Children grow, learn, make choices, and start to make decisions. They perform tasks as they form relationships with others while learning to take risks based on the boundaries of the parents along with what they like or dislike.

Biblical and Cultural PRESIDENCE

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

- ❖ Establishes God's **direction** to the parents starting with the father. (Verse: 2)
- ❖ Affirm consequences of bondage (Verse 21)

Joshua 24:15

- ❖ **Choices** of the Fathers

Judges 21:25

- ❖ Self Reliance

Developmental and Historical PRESIDENCE

1 Samuel

- ❖ Service to the Lord as a child brings forth favor (Verse 18/28)
- ❖ Wickedness associated with not knowing the Lord (2/12)

Joshua 24:15

- ❖ Choices of the Fathers

Judges 21:25

- ❖ Self Dependence

Historical and Social PRESIDENCE

Luke 2

- ❖ His parents were astonished and didn't know what to think (48/50)
- ❖ Obedience and growth gaining in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and all people (Verse 51/52)

1 Chronicles 2

- ❖ These were the sons of Israel: Rueben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. (1/2)

Matthew 1

- ❖ A record of the ancestors of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham (2-17)

Parental Myths in raising Children

Children are to be seen and not heard

Boys are stronger than girls

Protect girls; Let boys go

Raising children is the job of the mother

When children obey, they are good and compliant, which means the parents are good

When children do well in school it's because they are smart

The Biblical guidance for raising children is unclear

My child is different and special

PARENTS, ASK YOUR QUESTIONS?



This time has been intentionally set aside for Q & A. Afterwards – we will take a 10 minute break

WHAT DO PARENTS NEED TO KNOW?

God's Commandments (Exodus 20:3-17)



1. *Thou shall have no other gods before me.*
2. *Thou shall not make for yourself any carved image .*
3. *Thou shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.*
4. *Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.*
5. *Honor your father and your mother.*
6. *Thou shall not murder.*
7. *Thou shall not commit adultery*
8. *Thou shall not steal.*
9. *Thou shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*
10. *Thou shall not covet?*

PARENTS – your (you are)



- Children must have no other parents but you (**Dad** and **Mom**)
- Children are your responsibility to feed, clothe, discipline and educate
- Children are to know their names and the names and knowledge of all of their family
- Children are to be taught to worship God and respect people.
- Children are to spend much of their time with you, and around your parents.
- Children are to see a loving relationship between you and your mate.
- Children are to be taught how to honor God, people, authority, and themselves.
- Responsible for teaching your children about death, illness, money, people, prayer, relationships, sex, service, values, and work.
- Obligated to train your children to tell truth, share with each other and practice love.

Parental Issues that hurt children

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- Parents **Yelling at** their children
 - Parents **who abuse or beat** their children
 - Fathers **who only** provide resources
 - Parents that place themselves **above** their kids
 - Parents who fail to discipline their children
 - Parents who **suppress** the voice of their children
 - Parents who **compare** their children with others or regard your child as an extension of yourself.
 - Parental **favoritism**

POSITIVE PARENTAL ATTITUDES



- Enjoy your children
- Play with your children
- Pray with your children
- Make church a positive habit for you and your children
- Be positive when and if your children struggle in school
- Communicate in a way that denotes respect
- Show your children what a man or woman of God looks like

CHURCH RESOURCES

- Professional Biblical Counseling Centers
- **Focus on the Family** - Colorado Springs, CO 80920 - A complete family ministry and referral source all over the nation
- **The National Clergy Support Network** P. O. Box 52044, Raleigh, NC 27612 (919) 787-7024. Nationwide care and support ministries
- **Christian Universities**: ACU, David Lipscomb, Harding, Pepperdine, OKCU, and SWCC, and HBCU's with spiritual foundations

