

In Christ: Christian Parents
(Ephesians 6:1-4; Colossians 3:20-21)

Parents Are Designed By God to Be God's Primary Shaping Agents for Children – Deut 6:4-9; Eph 6:4

CULTURAL MODEL

Psychological Development

“Expert” Teaching

External Causes

Short-term

BIBLICAL MODEL

Spiritual Development – Deut 6:1-4; Eph 6:4

“Generational” Teaching – Deut 6:2; Eph 6:1

Personal Accountability – Prov 22:15

Long-term – Prov 22:6

Parents Make Lasting Impressions

- It takes Godly parents to make Godly impressions – Eph 6:4
 - ...work more on being a godly parent then raising godly children!
 - ...saturate the air of daily living with living expressions of faith in Christ – 1 Cor 11:1
- We personally influence through loving relations:
 - ...spirit filled children will submissively love – Eph 6:1; Col 3:20
 - ...spirit filled parents will sacrificially love – Eph 6:4; Col 3:21

Children: A Loving Obedience That Honors – Eph 6:1-3

- God designed families to be parent-centered – Eph 6:1; Col 3:20
 - ...parents teach that choices always have consequences – Ga 6:7-10
- Every dependent child is given a direct chain of command – Eph 6:1
 - ...every “adult” child is redirected to a chain of counsel – Matt 19:5

Parents: Loving Discipline That Teaches – Eph 6:4

- Plan to take care of your marriage – Eph 5:22
- Plan to practice what you preach – 1 Jo 3:18
- Plan to pay attention to your children – Deut 6:6-9
 - ...gifts of time and support – Eph 4:29
- Plan to love the reality of your children over your dreams for them – Ro 15:7