

From the Word of God, this class answers the following questions:

- (1) What exactly is discipline?
- (2) What should we know about children before we have them?
- (3) Why should we know about children before we have them?
- (4) How do you motivate children to obey God and you?
- (5) What is a parent's definite responsibility towards his child?
- (6) What is the difference between "to teach" and "to train"?
- (7) How does a parent's fellowship with God affect his child's? Vice Versa?
- (8) At what age do you begin to discipline a child?
- (9) What is the "rod of correction"? How and when should it be used?
- (10) How do you set priorities with family, children and the ministry activities?
- (11) What does the Word say about a parent disciplining his teenager?
- (12) How do you handle bed-wetting?
- (13) Are there any exceptions in giving doctrine, reproof and correction to children?
- (14) What are some benefits of II Timothy 3:16 for children and parents?
- (15) What kind of responsibility do you as a single believer have towards children in the fellowship of believers?
- (16) What is the difference between "reward and punishment" and doctrine, reproof and correction? In application?
- (17) As a parent, what is my responsibility as far as babysitters are concerned? What is a babysitter?
- (18) Do I, as a single person, have authority to discipline someone else's child? If so, how and when?
- (19) What is patience? How do you apply it?
- (20) Why should Twig leaders know this information?

This is another class on keys. Thus there must be specific keys and basic principles from the Bible enabling us to have children who are a blessing and not an obstruction to our everyday living, who would grow up to be a tremendous witness to God's Word, living examples of John 10:10b.

and bless every person in the body.

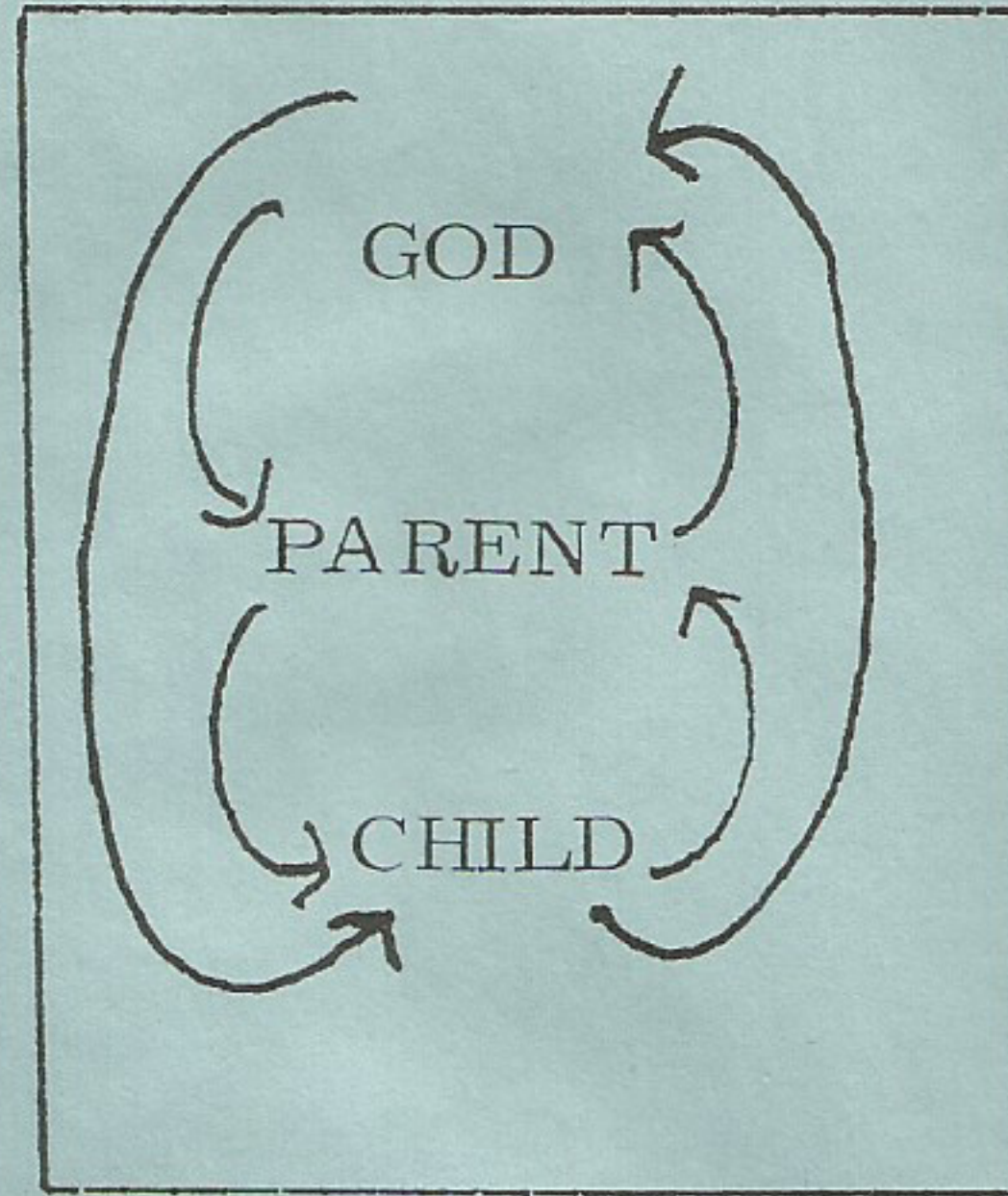
- I. The Word of God is the Will of God.
- II. The Word of God imparts wisdom. Psalm 119:105; Proverbs 1:1-9
 - A. Regarding salvation - Isaiah 35:8; Romans 10:9, 10
 - B. That we are sons of God now - I John 3:2
 - C. Wisdom regarding the devices of Satan - II Corinthians 2:11
 - D. Wisdom regarding the future life - John 14:1-3; 18-20
 - E. Wisdom regarding every subject necessary for man's complete knowledge of his redemption and salvation - I Timothy 2:4; II Peter 1:3
- III. We are all to be more than conquerors over all fear, frustrations, mental pressure, confusion and every other evil work. John 16:33; I Corinthians 14:33; James 3:16; Romans 8:35-39; Ephesians 6:10-18
 - A. Promise to the mother Proverbs 31:28; Psalm 68:19
 - B. Promise to the father The poetry of the Word - Psalms 127:3-5; 128:1ff; 112:1-3; 144:9-15
 - C. Promise to all believers II Timothy 3:16, 17
 - D. Promise to their children Ephesians 6:1-4; 3:1-9
- IV. Things revealed are things God wants us to know. Deuteronomy 29:29
- V. We can grow up - how about our children? Ephesians 2:2, 3; 4:14, 15
- VI. Who says that the Word isn't practical for every aspect of life?
- VII. What a privilege it is to raise children of a man of God.
 - A. Abraham must have really loved God. Genesis 22:1-18
 - B. How about Mary and Elizabeth? Luke 1:26-63

*LUKE 1:28 HIGHLY FAVORED } SAME WORD
EPH 1:6 ACCEPTED } 1*

VIII. This class teaches the HOW and WHAT of discipline and raising Christian children.

- A. We have to have the will to do it - to put everything we've got into it to get the desired results.
- B.

We can deal w/our children as God deals w/us.



WORKS AS A UNIT BEST.

Just because parent may be out of fellowship doesn't mean child is.

IX. Let's start from the beginning - Pregnancy and Childbirth

A. Natural childbirth classes

- 1. Perfection is in the Lord, not in the classes we take.

B. Physical wholeness

- 1. Smoking
- 2. Jogging
- 3. The mother takes care of the baby.
- 4. Morning sickness
- 5. Natural foods - Romans 14:1ff; Colossians 2:16

C. Birth - RELAX - I Peter 5:6,7

- 1. Labor - Genesis 3:16; John 16:20-22
- 2. Hospitals and choosing your doctors

3. Delivery

4. Nursing

SEVEN BENEFITS OF NURSING

1. Expels placenta.
2. Night nursing - sleep; no formula mix.
3. Baby gets natural antibodies.
4. Establishes "skin-contact."
5. Gives rest to Mother.
6. Aids quick physical recovery.
7. Giving of yourself to baby.

D. Recovery

1. Healthy baby - Matthew 21:22; Ephesians 1:8
2. House cleaning
3. Diaper service
4. Rocking chair
5. The Word - Speak in tongues much!
6. Neatness and cleanliness
7. Believe for healing and recovery to your body.
8. Family doctor

E. Giving = Receiving and Believing = Receiving.

F. You become what you look at. II Corinthians 3:11-18

G. God always causes us to triumph. II Corinthians 2:14;
I Corinthians 15:57, 58; Psalm 18:2, 3

I. God constantly compares us to children. Ephesians 5:1; 5:8; Galatians 3:21ff; 4:1-7; I Thessalonians 2:7; Ephesians 4:1-16; 2:2, 3; Hebrews 12:3-11; I John 2:1; 4:4; 3:18; Luke 11:9-13; I Corinthians 13:8-12; I Corinthians 14:20; Romans 8:14-17

A. We are never too old for discipline.

B. Do it and then understand. Proverbs 16:3; 4:7; Ephesians 3:18

1. God doesn't always tell us why.

C. Wisdom = knowledge applied. Proverbs 1:1-7

D. In God's eyes we will always be children. Colossians 1:23-28

II. Instruction in righteousness - II Timothy 3:16

A. Doctrine is right believing.

B. Reproof tells us when we are not believing rightly.

C. Correction tells us how to get back to right believing, which is instruction in righteousness. II Samuel 11:2 - 12:24

1. We are training them how to live with God.

2. What is righteousness?

3. Principles of the Word never change. James 1:17

BENEFITS OF II TIMOTHY 3:16

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| 1. II Tim. 3:17 | - | Perfection. |
| 2. II Cor. 10:5 | - | Self-control. |
| 3. Prov. 29:17 | - | Rest, and delight. |
| 4. Eph. 6:1-3 | - | Fellowship; long life. |
| 5. Prov. 22:6 | - | Steadfastness. |
| 6. Prov. 23:14 | - | Freedom from the devil. |
| 7. Prov. 29:15 | - | Gives wisdom. |
| 8. Heb. 12:11 | - | Yields fruit. |
| 9. Prov. 19:18 | - | Hope. |

- D. The conflict: II Timothy 3:16 vs. reward and punishment
John 8:1-11; Hebrews 10:1-25

DEFINITION:

*PUNISHMENT - a pain, suffering, or loss that serves as retribution; severe, rough, or disastrous treatment. A penalty inflicted on an offender through judicial procedure.

III. Our relationship with our children - according to God's Word

A. We are responsible for our children's actions.

1. Teaching them the rightly divided Word. Matthew 18:1-6
 - a. Not a burden
2. Never confess that you can't do anything with your child. Philippians 4:13
3. Never confess that you don't know what to do about your child. Ephesians 1:5-8, 17-23
4. Never tell your child he is a bad boy or girl. Give them a fine reputation to live up to.
5. Never threaten.

IV. Two motivating forces: FEAR and LOVE. II Timothy 1:7

- A. Fear ruins men's ministries and the individual Christian's life more than anything else. Hebrews 13:5, 6

DEFINITION:

*TO DISCIPLINE- To bring to a state of order and obedience by training and control.
II Cor. 10:5

B. Controlling your mind - II Corinthians 10:5; Matthew 22:37, 38; II Corinthians 3:4-6; Matthew 15:22-28; II Corinthians 9:8; John 10:10a; Romans 12:2

C. Controlling our children - Proverbs 13:24; 23:13, 14; 29:15; John 8:32; Proverbs 19:18; 10:13; Romans 8:1, 2

V. Rationalization

A. We can spend a lifetime making excuses for our mistakes.

1. Rebellion - I Samuel 15:12-29; I Samuel 3:12, 13; I Samuel 2:12, 13; Exodus 22:18-20; Deuteronomy 18:9-14

2. Belial - worshipping other gods and being born again of Satan's seed.

a. Worthless - lawless, engulfing ruin, lying, fits of temper

B. Rationalization and rebellion vs. obedience to the Word Acts 10:1, 2; Acts 17:4-7; Acts 16:14-34; Acts 18:7, 8

VI. Why discipline?

A. Proverbs 22:15

DEFINITION:

*FOOLISHNESS -

1. Careless habit of mind and body.

2. Lack of good sense or foresight.

B. I Timothy 3:4, 5; 8-12; Proverbs 22:6

C. The importance of fellowship - Ephesians 6:1-4

A = GOD

B = PARENT

C = CHILD

A = B (Parent fellowships with God)

B = C (Child fellowships with parent)

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A = C (Child fellowships with God)

D. Fellowship - Ephesians 6:1 (in the Lord); I John 3:21, 22;
Proverbs 20:7; 29:17; Isaiah 54:13

E. Instill trust. Build the foundation.

1. Nursing

2. Hugging

3. Kissing

4. "God takes care of you. Perfect love casts out fear, etc."
When a situation arises you'll be ready for it.

5. Understanding is far greater than communication.

I. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

A.

<u>DEFINITION:</u>	
* TO TRAIN -	* TO TEACH -
To mold the character; to put or point in an exact direction.	To impart the knowledge of.

B. Training is more than teaching.

C. Training with the rod

1. Be consistent.
2. Follow through.
 - a. Don't say something you can't back up. Restrictions.
 - b. Believing connotes action.
3. It is between you, your child and God.
 - a. Opinions of others - II Timothy 2:15
4. Parents stand together on decisions. I Corinthians 1:10
 - a. Unity - Acts 4:31, 32; Ephesians 4:13; John 3:34, 35
5. Love and forgiveness - Luke 15:10-32; John 21:1-14

D. Other aspects of training

1. Believer's relationship to all children
2. Babysitters
 - a. Instruct and train them
 - b. Communicate to children with reassurance. Proverbs 29:25

II. Relationship between woman's work and family

A. According to the individual or family agreement

1. Remember our responsibility to our family.

B. Make the most of the time you've got with your children.

C. No success or career in life can compensate for failure in the home.

III. Our witness in our own family - II Corinthians 5:18-21

A. At what age should my child be born-again? Be anxious for nothing. Philippians 4:6, 7

B. Believing for our children

1. Set challenges and goals before yourself.

2. Other ministry responsibilities

3. Giving above and beyond - Ephesians 3:20

C. Children see God through our walk.

1. Honesty - Be yourself. Take time to talk things out.

2. Train and allow children to communicate.

IV. Dealing with children's problems

A. We are responsible for our children's well-being and health, for establishing sound thinking from the Word. II Kings 4; John 4:23,24, 45-54; Mark 16:17-20; Psalms 125:1,2; II Timothy 1:7; Mark 9:14-27

B. Ministering - parents to children and children to others

C. Fear is our greatest obstacle. I John 4:16-18; Hebrews 2:14-18; Proverbs 3:19-26; Hebrews 13:6

D. Television, radio, books and food

1. Outside activities can help establish self-confidence.

E. Helping others with the work to be done

F. Bed wetting

G. Friends

H. Discipline in every aspect of life. But not uptight. Jesus Christ was perfect for us.

1. Patience

DEFINITION:

*PATIENCE - Quiet perseverance; steadfastness, fixed in direction. Endurance, fortitude, implies calmness, stability and persistent courage in trying circumstances.

STRENGTH OF CHARACTER (FROM WORD) OF GOD

NOT A PASSIVE THING!
BUT,
YOU'RE GOING TO SEE IT THRU ATTITUDE

- a. Emphasis is placed on the parent and on how he overcomes the situation.
- b. Never let your child take advantage of you.
- c. Never give up. Does God give up on us?
- d. Just renew the mind to the Word and change.
- e. One of the nine fruit of the spirit - Galatians 5:22.
- f. You must be willing to tell your child something until he remembers it.
- g. How many times does God tell us until we finally do what He asks?
- h. Teach your child to listen, which takes repetition with reproof and correction.
- i. Believe and continue to build your believing for your child and in your child.

I. A goal worthy of work

1. Peace - Luke 1:67-80. Absolute end of all strife and trouble. Unity, concord, agreement, harmony.
John 14:26, 27; Colossians 3:1-17; Isaiah 26:3
 - a. One of the nine fruit - Galatians 5:22
 - b. Jesus Christ is our peace. Ephesians 2:14-19; 4:3; Colossians 3:12-15; James 2:14-18; James 3:18

" What to teach pre-schoolers "

- Organize
- Discipline - stop crying
- Think things through
- Change their minds
- Bless others
- Retemories
- Bible songs
- Loving touches, approval, praise
- Joy of serving
- Lesson review board/retemory review board
- Children's Fellowship can open the door to outreach
- Be unorthodox - not Sunday school