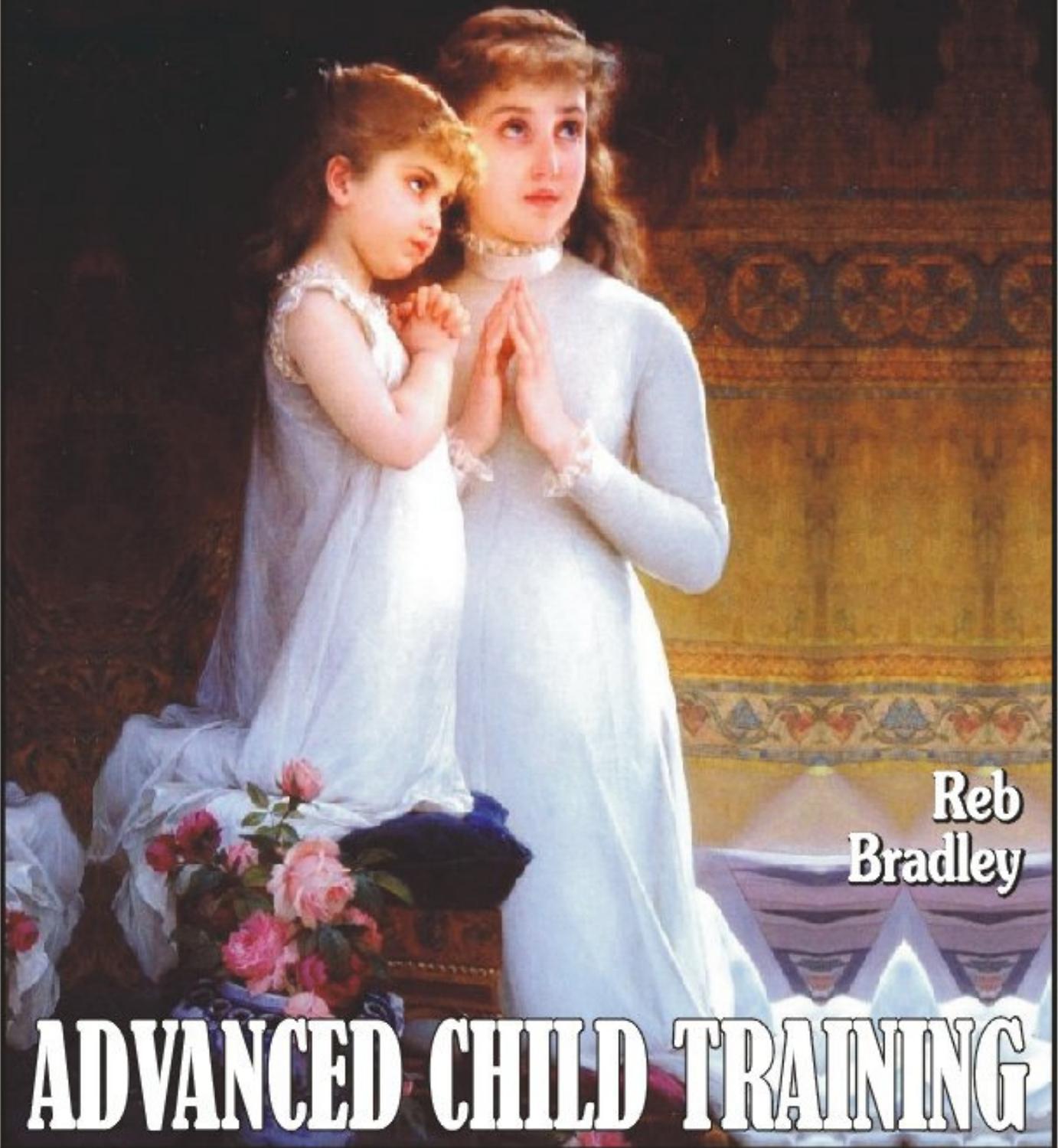


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# WHEN FAMILY BECOMES AN IDOL

Malachi 4:6

## I. Why must families be strengthened?

A. The Scriptures instruct parents to \_\_\_\_\_ their children which \_\_\_\_\_ the church to \_\_\_\_\_ them for the \_\_\_\_\_

*Eph 6:4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.*

*Deuteronomy 6:6-9 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.*

B. Modern Christian families are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ so the church must give \_\_\_\_\_ to offering them biblical help

C. Concentrated effort to equip parents to disciple their children is \_\_\_\_\_ – it is \_\_\_\_\_

## II. The problem: Some believers are imbalanced in their devotion to family

A. An idol is anything which receives the \_\_\_\_\_ by God

Greek for IDOL: eidolon, i'-do-lon; something fashioned or formed which can be viewed (in contrast to the living God, who is invisible, was never formed, and has no shape). See Romans 1:25.

1. Idols are those things in which we \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ more than \_\_\_\_\_

2. Family is our \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility, but we must \_\_\_\_\_ for our family

B. The real root of idolatry is \_\_\_\_\_ – looking to, trusting in something other than God to satisfy. (Eph 5:5; Col 3:5)

⇒ Yes, the \_\_\_\_\_ of proper child training is joy and delight, but \_\_\_\_\_ is not our \_\_\_\_\_  
*Prov 29:17 Discipline your son, and he will give you peace; he will bring delight to your soul.*

C. Our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is to come from God, not family

1. Imbalance: family becomes the source of either our \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

2. We are not loving them \_\_\_\_\_ – we are using them to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves

III. The family may have become an idol for us when ...

A. We become more concerned with our family's \_\_\_\_\_ than with their \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mat 23:5)

1. We care more that they are *seen* as \_\_\_\_\_ than they *be* \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

2. Concern with image means we can easily \_\_\_\_\_ by their misbehavior

3. Cause of this problem: We are impressed by the \_\_\_\_\_ of other parents, so may work \_\_\_\_\_  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the fruit rather than the \_\_\_\_\_ which \_\_\_\_\_ the fruit (Mat 12:34)

B. It has become *the* \_\_\_\_\_ of spirituality

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ others on the \_\_\_\_\_ of their family

2. We \_\_\_\_\_ of our parenting

3. Sit in \_\_\_\_\_ of all others

4. Because "family order" is a badge of spirituality, if **our** children \_\_\_\_\_ we will be \_\_\_\_\_

C. We are *more* preoccupied with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
parenting than leading our children into a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with God

1. Hyper-sheltering, the best God-centered curriculum, biblical child training principles, and elimination  
of television will \_\_\_\_\_ if we do not \_\_\_\_\_ their hearts

⇒ Genuine intimacy with God is \_\_\_\_\_ more than it is \_\_\_\_\_

⇒ If we do \_\_\_\_\_ a genuine faith, we \_\_\_\_\_ religious piety

2. We need to pursue \_\_\_\_\_ relationships with our children

3. Family is an idol when it is a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ rather than a collective relationship of people  
who \_\_\_\_\_ God and \_\_\_\_\_

D. It has become rather than by which God's kingdom is

1. The goal is not to create a strong family the of a strong family

⇒ It is not the pre-eminent Christian to

⇒ A strong family is a not a

2. We are on this to (Mat 5:14-15)

E. We think there is a upon which all family-minded people will eventually

1. Only the can a path, ie:

*2 Pet 1:5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. 8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

2. Unless Scripture a path, we enter when we set standards for others

⇒ Like the Pharisees, we may in our position on the path, and to those not as

⇒ The Problem: Although we have our "ducks in a row," we will find ourselves (James 4:6)

⇒ Our children will either become or they will become

F. We make "family strengthening" the **only** standard for

1. We must look for one which is based on the and

2. It should be one which to Christ

3. It should be one which allows our children

4. Remember that God and prayers before you were

5. Don't feel you need to leave a fellowship unless it a to your family

6. Don't deprive your family of needed by doing

⇒ It is God's design that we be in a

*1 Cor 12:14 Now the body is not made up of one part but of many ... 19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" (also Heb 10:25)*

IV. If we have made the family an idol how do we dethrone it?

A. Know that God \_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_ to give you a \_\_\_\_\_

B. Don't spend your life \_\_\_\_\_ that you think might \_\_\_\_\_ your family

⇒ Yes, if you need it, get \_\_\_\_\_ on family life, but ...

C. Remember that there \_\_\_\_\_ steps, methods, or principles

⇒ Are you more concerned with \_\_\_\_\_ your children or \_\_\_\_\_ into them?

*Mat 12:34b ... out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. ... 15:11 What goes into a man's mouth does not make him 'unclean,' but what comes out of his mouth, that is what makes him 'unclean.'" ... 23:26 Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.*

⇒ Ask yourself – are you relying on \_\_\_\_\_ principles? Where does \_\_\_\_\_ come in?

⇒ Your family is not a \_\_\_\_\_ Cultivate \_\_\_\_\_ with family members.

D. If you have entered into the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, trade it in for the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ

⇒ Do not \_\_\_\_\_ to those who \_\_\_\_\_ your personal standards

*Rom 14:1 Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters. 2 One man's faith allows him to eat everything, but another man, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. 3 The man who eats everything must not look down on him who does not, and the man who does not eat everything must not condemn the man who does, for God has accepted him. 4 **Who are you to judge someone else's servant?** To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.*

E. Preoccupy yourself not with becoming a \_\_\_\_\_ but a family of \_\_\_\_\_

1. A strong family is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the true \_\_\_\_\_

*Mal 4:6 He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse." (See Luke 1:17)*

2. Parents who \_\_\_\_\_ God in all \_\_\_\_\_ will more likely faith than those who attend all the family seminars and read all the books

⇒ \_\_\_\_\_ will do a \_\_\_\_\_ in your family than the best curriculum and Bible principle exercises

⇒ Give your \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ God and \_\_\_\_\_ your family with you

*Jer 29:13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Josh 24:15 ... as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."*

# BEYOND OBEDIENCE Part 1

## Raising Children who Love God

### I. The Good Thing:

Children must learn to honor and obey their parents. As they do they develop the virtue of self control which lays the foundation for maturity, and prepares their hearts to receive moral instruction from their parents.

### II. The Troubling Thing:

⇒ Raising obedient, self-controlled children is the goal.

⇒ We must raise children who not only have the virtue of self-control, but who are of God and of their families, neighbors, and enemies.

⇒ Many conscientious parents achieve their goal of raising obedient, self-governing children, but fail to see them become great of and .

### III. The Real Thing:

A. The is to raise to children who love God and their neighbor

*Mat 22:37 Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'*

B. The chief goal of all Paul's instruction to his spiritual children was not for its own sake.

*1 Tim 1:5 But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.*

C. What did Paul affirm most in his spiritual children, setting for us an example to follow with our own children?

Eph 1:15; Phil 1:9; Col 1:4-5, 8; 1 Th 1:3; 3:6, 12; 4:9-10; 2 Th 1:3; Phile 1:5, 7

*1 Th 4:9 Now about brotherly love we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. 10 And in fact, you do love all the brothers throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers, to do so more and more.*

D. What did Paul say was more important than the ability to speak in the tongues of angels, greater than having the faith to move mountains, and more significant than deeds of self-sacrificing benevolence?

1 Cor 13:1-13

#### IV. The Greatest Thing: Raising children to love God

A. Those who love God, do so because they His love

*1 John 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us*

B. Our children will love God if we are able to to them

1. Teach them the of the gospel: God

*Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! 10 For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!*

*Luke 7:47 Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven--for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little."*

⇒ Remember that the love of God is best in light of the of God

2. them God is – the most and being who has ever  
existed

*Eph 3:17-19 ... And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

⇒ Great example of one who loved God was

*Ps 42:1-2 "... As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?"*

*Ps 27:4 "One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.*

The longer David got to know God the more he found Him to be absolutely and totally wonderful.

*I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. 3 Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. 4 I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. 5 My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. 6 On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. 7 Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. 8 My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. Psalm 63:2-8*

David loved God because he appreciated how He rescued and provided him safety in times of trouble.

*But I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble. Psalm 59:16*

*From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. 3 For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe. 4 I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings. Psalm 61:2*

*My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. 2 He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken. Psalm 62:1*

David loved God for the wisdom and practical value of His laws.

*Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. Psalm 119:97*

*Your statutes are wonderful; therefore I obey them. Psalm 119:129*

*I obey your statutes, for I love them greatly. 168 I obey your precepts and your statutes, for all my ways are known to you. Psalm 119:167-168*

*The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. Psalm 19:7*

**He found Him faithful and dependable.**

*For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. Psalm 33:4*

*Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. Psalm 145:13*

**David was enthralled with God as the Creator.**

*Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. 2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. 3 For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. 5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. 6 Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; 7 for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. Psalm 95:1-7*

*For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. Psalm 139:13*

**He was in awe of God's omnipresence.**

*Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? 8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. Psalm 139:7-8*

**David was amazed by God's omniscience.**

*O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. 2 You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. 3 You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. 4 Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD. 5 You hem me in--behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. Psalm 139:1-6*

**He revered God for His incredible power.**

*The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth. Psalm 97:5*

*"How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you. Psalm 66:3*

*I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. 3 Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. Psalm 63:2-3*

*Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. 4 One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts. 5 They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works. 6 They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds. Psalm 145:3-6*

**David feared God for His great authority**

*My flesh trembles in fear of you; I stand in awe of your laws. Psalm 119:120*

*You alone are to be feared. Who can stand before you when you are angry? Psalm 76:7*

*Who knows the power of your anger? For your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you. Psalm 90:11*

*If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? 4 But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. Psalm 130:3-4*

*Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. 9 Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing ... 11 Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. Psalm 34:8-11*

⇒ If we are to help our children find God we must Him deeply ourselves

⇒ We must God in His with a heart (Jer 29:13)

3. for them love for God

*John 13:15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.*

• Are they drawn to your Jesus or is your “religion” just a they feel them?

*Luke 11:46 Jesus replied, "And you experts in the law, woe to you, because you load people down with burdens they can hardly carry ...*

4. Convey to them the love of God by

*1 John 4:7-8, 16 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love ... 16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.*

# BEYOND OBEDIENCE Part 2

## Raising Children who Love Others

### V. The Second Greatest Thing: Raising children to love others

A. Be certain you are \_\_\_\_\_ with the love of Christ

B. Study the Scriptures to \_\_\_\_\_ in all of its

1. Love is a commitment based on a \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ and not on \_\_\_\_\_ .

*"But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. 29 If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. 30 Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Luke 6:27-30*

*Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19 Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. 20 On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Rom 12:17-21*

2. Love is proven by

*Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13*

*This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. 1 John 3:16*

3. Love is \_\_\_\_\_ in its

*We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. 2 Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. 3 For even Christ did not please himself... Rom 15:1-3 (Also 1 Cor 10:24; 10:33; Luke 14:12-13)*

*... it is not self-seeking, 1 Cor 13:5*

4. Love cares for others so seeks to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with them.

*For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. 18 Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted. Heb 2:17-18*

*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin. Heb 4:15*

5. Love is \_\_\_\_\_ if it is void of \_\_\_\_\_

James 2:14-18

*Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave -- 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mat 20:26-28 (Also Mat 23:11; Luke 22:25-27)*

*Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. John 13:14*

*If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? 18 Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:17-18*

6. \_\_\_\_\_ love as outlined in \_\_\_\_\_

*1 Cor 13:4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails ...*

## VI. Some practical tips for raising loving children

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ to them throughout their day that loving and serving others is our \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Make \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ to serve others
- C. Encourage the children to \_\_\_\_\_ their siblings
- D. Make the \_\_\_\_\_ the issue of every \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Frequently \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ with your \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 4:19)
- F. \_\_\_\_\_ with them about it
- G. \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_ children who are kind and who serve
- H. Give them \_\_\_\_\_ when they love and serve than when they \_\_\_\_\_
- I. Do not permit **ANY** \_\_\_\_\_
- J. \_\_\_\_\_ service and \_\_\_\_\_ in your \_\_\_\_\_

# BEYOND OBEDIENCE Part 3

## Regenerating Love in a Family

### VII. How can parents regenerate love in a family?

A. Make it a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ your children

⇨ Remember that love

*Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance? Rom 2:4 (Also Job 33:26-30)*

*We love because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19*

B. Follow Paul's pattern for

*For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, 12 encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.*

*1 Th 2:11-12*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and

paramutheomai, par-am-oo-theh'-om-ahee; to relate near, i.e. to come along side and console or encourage

⇨ Make it a point to \_\_\_\_\_ (yet without feeding pride)

Rom 1:8; 6:17; 1 Cor 1:4; 2 Cor 9:12; Eph 1:15-16; Phil 1:3; Col 1:3; 1 Th 1:2; 2:13; 2 Th 1:3; 2 Th 2:13; 2 Tim 1:3; Phile 1:4

2. \_\_\_\_\_ toward righteousness

marturomai, mar-too'-rom-ahee; to be adduced as a witness, i.e. to affirm a truth

3. As \_\_\_\_\_ as a mother \_\_\_\_\_ her babe

*1 Th 2:7 but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children.*

epios, ay'-pee-os; affable or mild, particularly in tone or speech

⇨ \_\_\_\_\_ for his children Acts 20:31; 2 Cor 2:4; Phil 3:18

4. \_\_\_\_\_ in his admonitions

*Phil 4:1 Therefore, my **brothers**, you whom I **love** and **long for**, my **joy** and **crown**, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, **dear friends!** 2 **I plead with** Euodia and **I plead with** Syntyche to agree with each other in the Lord.*

BROTHERS adelphos, ad-el-fos'; connected from the womb

I LOVE agapetos, ag-ap-ay-tos'; beloved; dearly loved

LONG FOR epipothetos, ep-ee-poth'-ay-tos; intensely crave or yearn for

JOY chara, khar-ah'; cheerfulness; calm delight and gladness

CROWN stephanos, stef'-an-os; that which is twined together; ie: head wreath won by athlete, or ornate crown worn by royalty; ie: that which is worn on the head depicting honor

DEAR FRIENDS agapetos, ag-ap-ay-tos'; beloved; dearly loved

PLEAD WITH parakaleo, par-ak-al-eh'-o; to come along side and speak intimately; ie: beseech, urge, invoke, implore, exhort, console, comfort, entreat

5. Motivate adolescents more by \_\_\_\_\_ than by \_\_\_\_\_

Paul commanded the saints: 1 Cor 7:10; 14:37; 2 Cor 8:8 ; 2 Th 3:6, 12; 1 Tim 1:3; 6:14, 17-18

Paul pleaded with [parakaleo] the saints: Rom 12:1; 15:30; 16:17; 1 Cor 1:10; 4:13, 16; 16:12, 15; 2 Cor 2:8; 5:20; 6:1; 8:6; 9:5; 10:1; 12:18; Eph 4:1; Phil 4:2; 1 Th 4:1; 4:10; 5:14; 2 Th 3:12; 1 Tim 1:3; 2:1; 6:2; Phile 1:9, 10;

C. Communicate to them with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

*1 Cor 6:8 Instead, you yourselves cheat and do wrong, and you do this to your brothers. 9 Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders 10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.*

1. Communicate that you \_\_\_\_\_ them and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of them

2. \_\_\_\_\_ can help foster failure

3. Guard yourself from only communicating \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do not allow \_\_\_\_\_ to undermine your love

5. Discipline yourself to \_\_\_\_\_ at them.

D. \_\_\_\_\_ them for who they are

1. Do you communicate to them that you are never completely \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ with them or their efforts?

2. Have you led them to believe they are a big \_\_\_\_\_ to you?

3. Is it possible they feel like they can never \_\_\_\_\_ ? ... like they can never \_\_\_\_\_ ?

4. Remember that adolescent rebellion is often based on \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

E. If you                      unrelenting                      toward your children,                      them

1. If you put an                      at the end of their name, it is time to                      it

2. Don't bring up                      and repeatedly                      them for them

*Isa 43:18 "Do not call to mind the former things, Or ponder things of the past*

*Psa 130:3 If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?*

*Heb 10:17 Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more."*

3. Give them continued                      . Don't                      the                      of them.

*Eph 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

4. Remember that abiding                      will                      you and them

*Eph 4:26 "In your anger do not sin" : Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27 and do not give the devil a foothold.*

*Heb 12:15 ... that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.*

5. Ask                      of them for your resentment

*Mat 5:23 "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.*

6. Do not                      your anger

*James 1:20 for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.*

⇨ Our efforts to coerce with rage are                      to achieve a

F.                      to them

1. Give them opportunities to

2. Listen to their feelings without immediately                      them the                      you think they need.

3. Be                      with their heart. Following a leader requires

4. Share with them                      or                      you are having in your own life.

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