

PARENTING BY THE BOOK

RAISING MORALLY RESPONSIBLE AND BIBLICALLY RESPONSIVE CHILDREN

1. THREE ASSUMPTIONS

- A. **FIRST ASSUMPTION**: THE GOAL OF PARENTING IS TO RAISE MORALLY RESPONSIBLE AND BIBLICALLY RESPONSIVE CHILDREN.
- B. **SECOND ASSUMPTION**: THE BIBLE DOES NOT PROVIDE US WITH EXACT AND SPECIFIC DETAILS ON HOW TO RAISE CHILDREN.
 - 1. IT IS SUFFICIENT AND AUTHORITATIVE BUT NOT COMPREHENSIVE.
 - a. IT DOES NOT SPEAK TO EVERY SITUATION PARENTS FACE.
 - b. THE BIBLE PROVIDES MORAL PRINCIPLES GOVERNING GODLY LIVING, BUT DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY LAY OUT THE HOW-TO'S OF TRAINING.
- C. **THIRD ASSUMPTION**: SINCE THE GOAL OF PARENTING IS TO RAISE MORALLY RESPONSIBLE CHILDREN, AND SINCE THE BIBLE IS NOT SPECIFIC ON HOW TO ACCOMPLISH THAT GOAL, WE BELIEVE THAT ALL CHILD TRAINING PRINCIPLES, PRACTICES, METHODS, AND THEORIES SHOULD MEET TWO IMPORTANT CRITERIA.
 - 1. THEY MUST ADVANCE THE RIGHTEOUS GOAL OF RAISING CHILDREN.

Ephesians 6:4 (NASB) Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
 - 2. THEY MUST BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE BREADTH OF BIBLICAL THEOLOGY.

2. CONCEPTS COVERED

- A. POST MODERN PSYCHOLOGICAL PARENTING
- B. HOW TO RAISE A MORAL CHILD
- C. YOUR CHILD'S CONSCIENCE
- D. CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT... RESPECT
- E. PRINCIPLES OF OBEDIENCE INCLUDING THE GOAL OF FIRST TIME OBEDIENCE

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F. DISCIPLINE WITH ENCOURAGEMENT AND CORRECTION

G. CONSEQUENCES AND PUNISHMENT

H. REPENTANCE, FORGIVENESS, AND RESTORATION

I. DISCIPLINE ISSUES

J. THE APPEAL PROCESS

K. ... AND MUCH MORE!!