



Discussion Guide

Ice Breaker: If you are a parent, what is your favorite thing about parenting? If you are not a parent, what is your favorite thing about watching children grow up?

1. Read Proverbs 1:8-9. How, as adults, can we help children understand the importance of listening to their parents? What do parents do sometimes that prevents their children from listening to them? Read Ephesians 6:1-3. How can we avoid frustrating our children?
2. How can we show our children unconditional love and affection in words and deeds, and yet not enable them in wrong behavior? Read Proverbs 22:15 and Psalm 51:5. How do these verses help us understand the condition of our hearts without God? As Pastor Tom described, how do we “walk the tightrope” of love and discipline with our children?
3. Pastor Tom mentioned that loving words and actions are vital in our relationship with our children. How have you seen that to be true in your own life? Pastor Tom also shared the negative aspect of love and affection when it is used as a negotiation tool based on children’s behavior. How have you seen this to be true in your own life?
4. Read Proverbs 22:6a, Deuteronomy 6:7, and Ephesians 6:4. How can establishing clear boundaries with our children set them up for success? How does a lack of boundaries or inconsistent boundaries become problematic?
5. Re-read Deuteronomy 6:7. Pastor Tom said, “The more we recognize [that parenting] is God’s sovereign work and that He’s wired our children in a way that we have little to do with, the more we can focus on helping our children unfold and discover God’s purpose and plan for their lives.” How can we parent in such a way that we let God do His work in our children’s lives?

Personal Guide

Day 1: Read Deuteronomy 6:1-12

Day 2: Read Psalm 51

Day 3: Read Ephesians 6:1-9

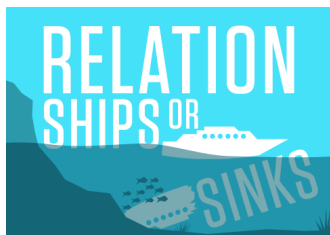
Day 4: Read Proverbs 22:1-16

Day 5: Read Ephesians 5:15-20

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“All Hands on Deck” [Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

MESSAGE NOTES

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Parenting has always been challenging, frustrating, and can either be the most _____ responsibility or the most painful of experiences.

...the stakes in the parent-child relationship are huge (for both) and have r_____ that can affect lives for years and even decades.

1. Children: Turn Up the _____ and Follow the Leader (note Proverbs 1:8-9)

The responsibility for good parent-child relationships is not a _____ affair.

Don't just _____ listen to your parents..._____ what they are saying and then play *follow the leader*.

Note Ephesians 6:1-3

2. Parents: Consistently Walk the “_____”

Parents are confronted with 2 realities that seemingly contradict each other:

- Our children need to be lavished with _____ love and affection over and over again in word and deed.
- Our children are _____. (note Proverbs 22:15; Psalm 51:5; Ephesians 2:3).

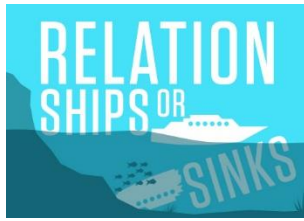
Parenting is a _____ act; it's getting up every day and walking the tightrope of unconditional love and affection while at the same time establishing healthy boundaries and _____ consequences.

- Loving _____, loving actions—never use love and affection as a _____ with children based on behavior.
- Establish _____ boundaries—children are not self-_____... (note Proverbs 22:6a; Deuteronomy 6:7; Ephesians 6:4).
- _____ consequences (note Proverbs 13:24; 22:15; 23:13-14) - children who grow up without boundaries and consequences are an _____ waiting to happen.
- Never stop _____ (note Proverbs 22:6) - _____ = an expression of a general truth or principle. The more we recognize this is God's sovereign work and that He's _____ our children in a way that we have little to do with, the more we can focus on helping our children _____ and discover God's purpose and plan for their lives (note Deuteronomy 6:7).

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1. Children: Turn Up the Volume and Follow the Leader (note Proverbs 1:8-9)

The responsibility for good parent-child relationships is not a one-sided affair.

Don't just grudgingly listen to your parents...HEAR what they are saying and then play *follow the leader*.

Note Ephesians 6:1-3

2. Parents: Consistently Walk the “Tightrope”

Parents are confronted with 2 realities that seemingly contradict each other:

- Our children need to be lavished with unconditional love and affection over and over again in words and deeds.
- Our children are sinners (note Proverbs 22:15; Psalm 51:5; Ephesians 2:3).

Parenting is a balancing act; it's getting up every day and walking the tightrope of unconditional love and affection while at the same time establishing healthy boundaries and enforceable consequences.

- A. Loving words, loving actions – never use love and affection as a negotiable with children based on behavior.
- B. Establish clear boundaries – children are not self-raising... (note Proverbs 22:6a; Deuteronomy 6:7; Ephesians 6:4).
- C. Enforce consequences (note Proverbs 13:24; 22:15; 23:13-14) – children who grow up without boundaries and consequences are an accident waiting to happen.
- D. Never stop teaching (note Proverbs 22:6) – maxims = *an expression of a general truth or principle*. The more we recognize this is God's sovereign work and that He's wired our children in a way that we have little to do with, the more we can focus on helping our children unfold and discover God's purpose and plan for their lives (note Deuteronomy 6:7).

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