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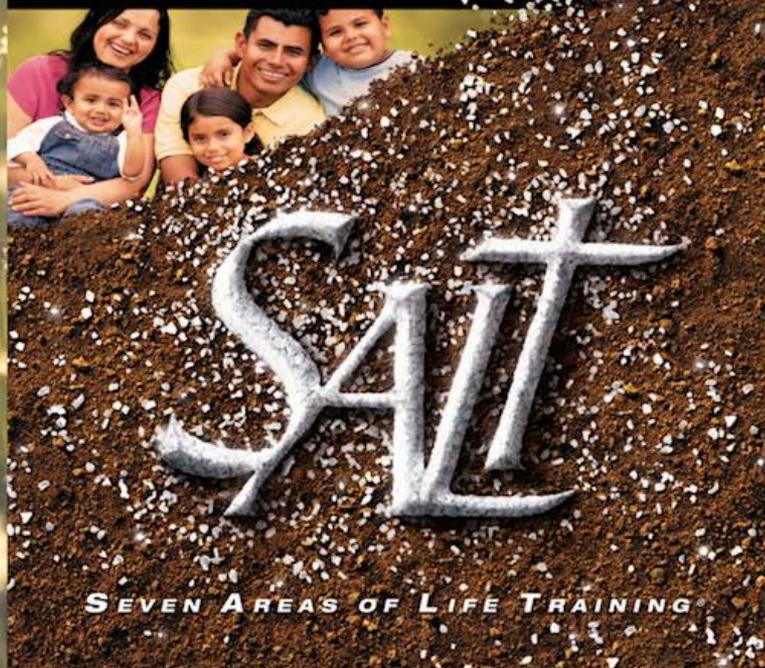
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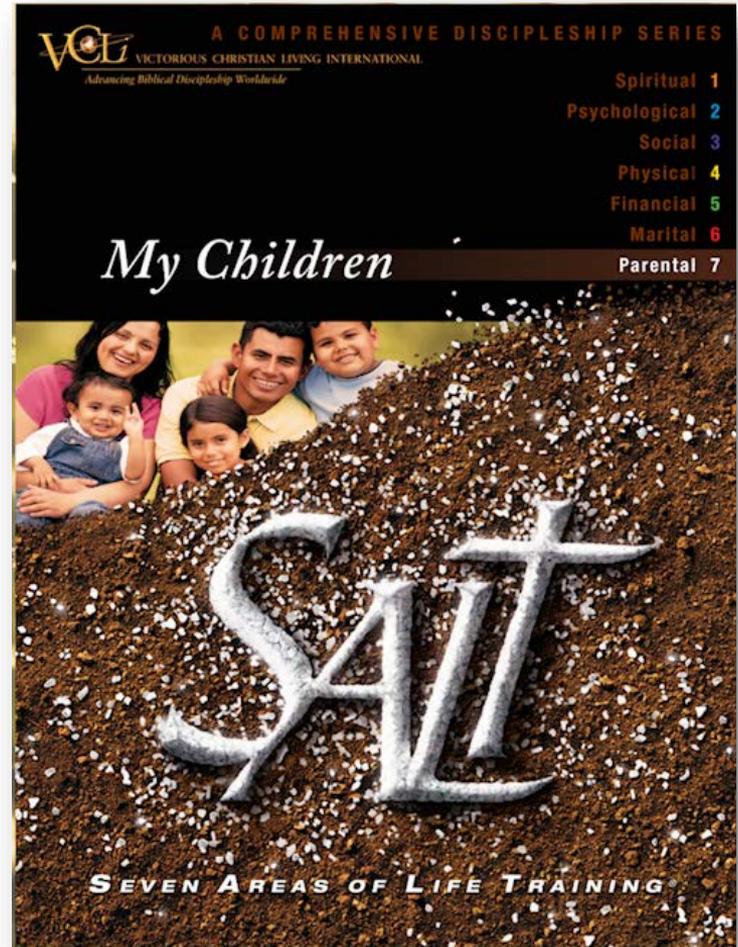
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Chapter 1

DISCOVER YOUR PARENTING STYLE



▶ Choose the answer that BEST describes **YOUR CHILD'S** behavior.



PARENTING QUIZ

Choose a, b, c, or d

1. How does my child respond when I tell him or her to do something viewed as unpleasant?
 - a) My child obeys but expresses disapproval (rolling eyes, huffing, slamming doors...).
 - b) My child agrees to obey, but doesn't do it.
 - c) My child argues.
 - d) My child obeys willingly and desires to make things right.

2. When my child is caught doing something wrong, he or she:

- a) Feels guilty.
 - b) Seems not to care.
 - c) Feels like a failure.
 - d) Understands the behavior is wrong and desires to make things right.
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3. When my child is asked to help with chores, it appears he or she:

- a) Does them to avoid conflict with me.
- b) Does them only when there is personal benefit involved (money or rewards).
- c) Doesn't expect to have to do chores.
- d) Enjoys being helpful and having responsibility.

4. When I have a disagreement with my child, he or she generally:

- a) Withdraws and gets quiet.
- b) Tries to take charge or manipulate the situation.
- c) Throws a temper tantrum.
- d) Shares his or her thoughts or desires with respect.

5. When my child knows I am upset with him or her:

- a) My child is fearful of my response.
- b) My child acts up further.
- c) My child cries and appears devastated.
- d) My child desires to make things right between us.

Choose the one that **BEST** describes **YOUR CHILD'S** behavior.

Choose the one that **BEST** describes **YOUR** behavior.

6. How do **YOU** respond when your child is disobedient?

- a) Force my child to obey.
- b) Ignore my child.
- c) Give in to avoid conflict.
- d) Explain my disappointment and remove a privilege.

7. How do **YOU** get your child to understand what you want him or her to do?

- a) Get angry.
- b) I don't bother.
- c) Try to talk to my child.
- d) Train by my example.

8. How do **YOU** discipline your child?

- a) Overcorrect.
(Consequences don't fit the offense.)
- b) Neglect to correct.
- c) Under-correct.
(Consequences don't fit the offense.)
- d) Correct consistently and appropriately.

9. How do **YOU** respond when your child does not act responsibly?

- a) I yell.
- b) I don't say anything.
- c) I continually remind my child.
- d) I make a plan for training my child to grow in that area.

BEST describes **YOUR** behavior.

LAST QUESTION!

10. When your child doesn't do a good job, what do **YOU** do?

- a) Use belittling remarks to make him or her feel guilty.
- b) Ignore my child because I am busy.
- c) Do it myself.
- d) Take the time to train my child.

INTERNAL VALUES:

- Motivation and Confidence
- Integrity



EXTERNAL VALUES:

- Respect for authority
- Love for God and others



1st ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT

ACCEPTANCE

Showing your child love and support.

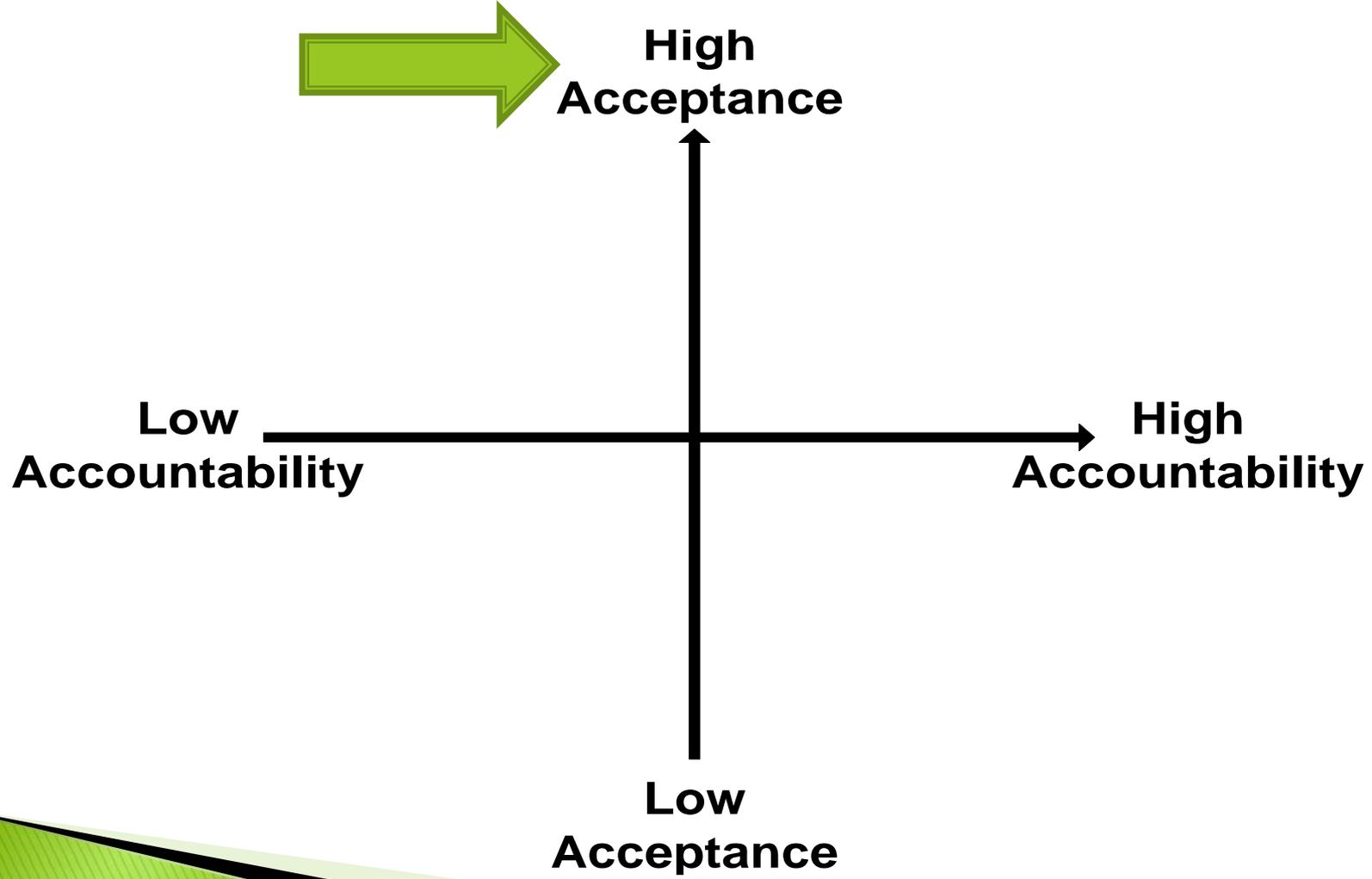


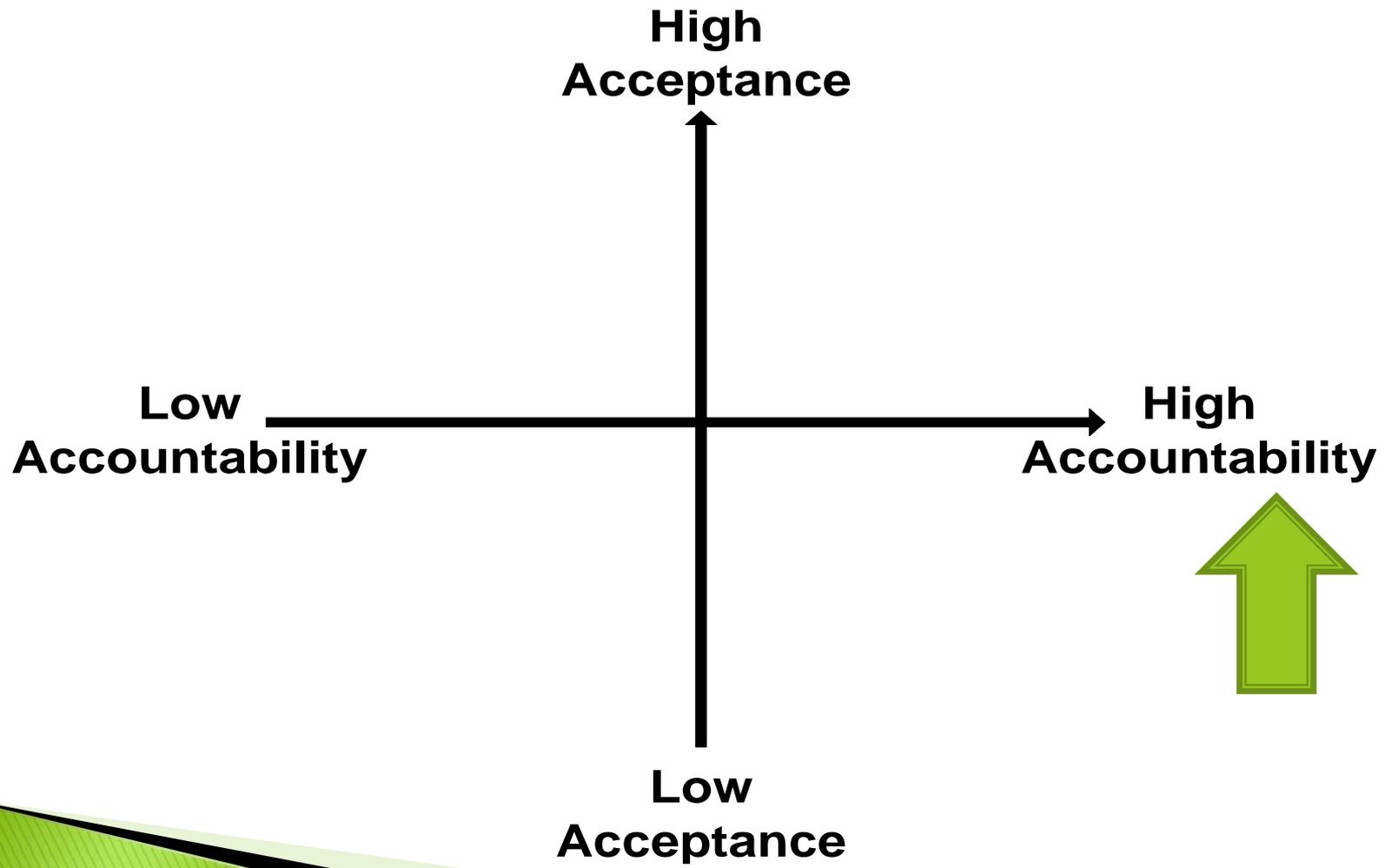
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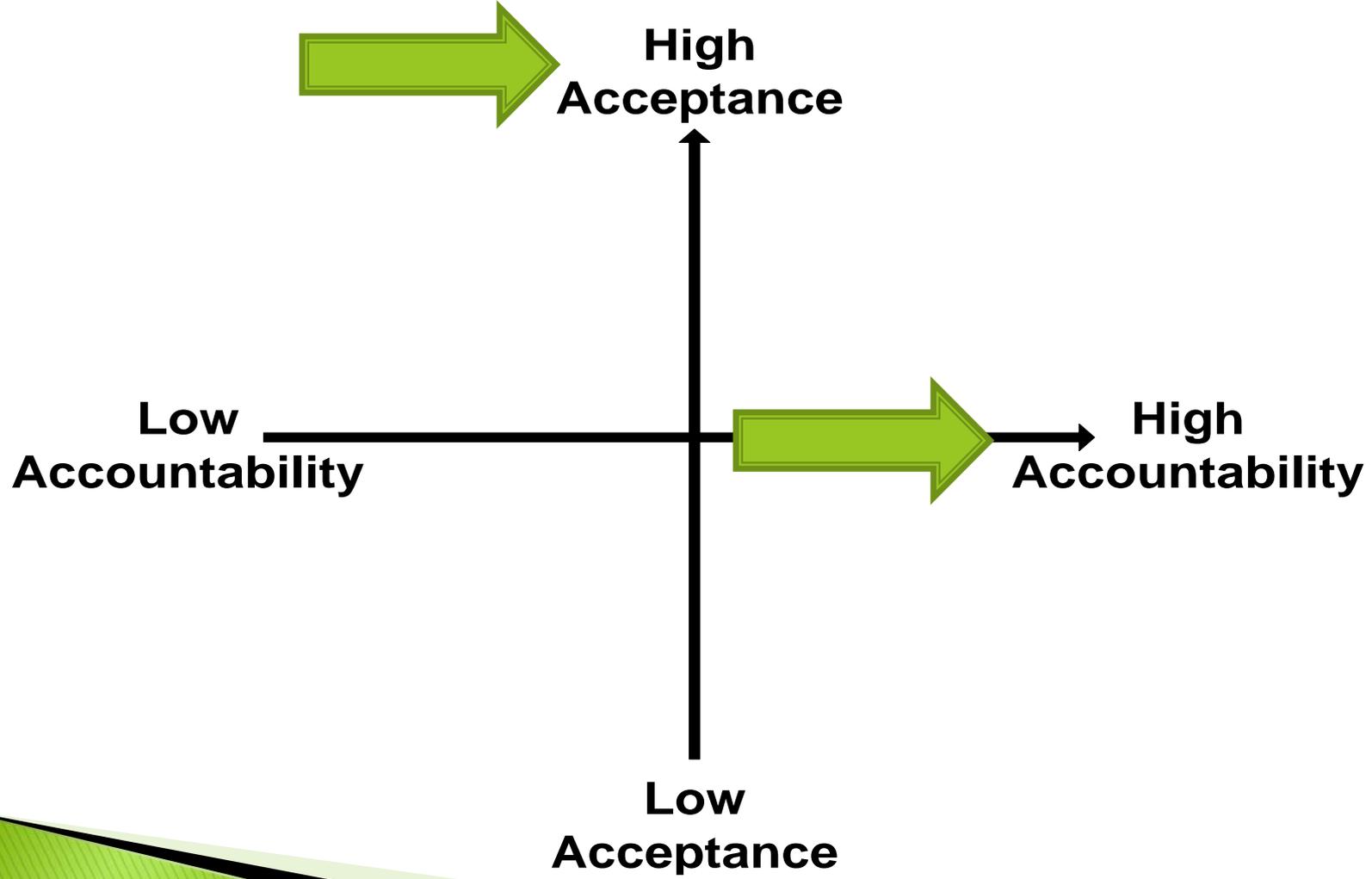
ACCOUNTABILITY

Training, Directing & Correcting your child's actions.











High Levels of Confidence

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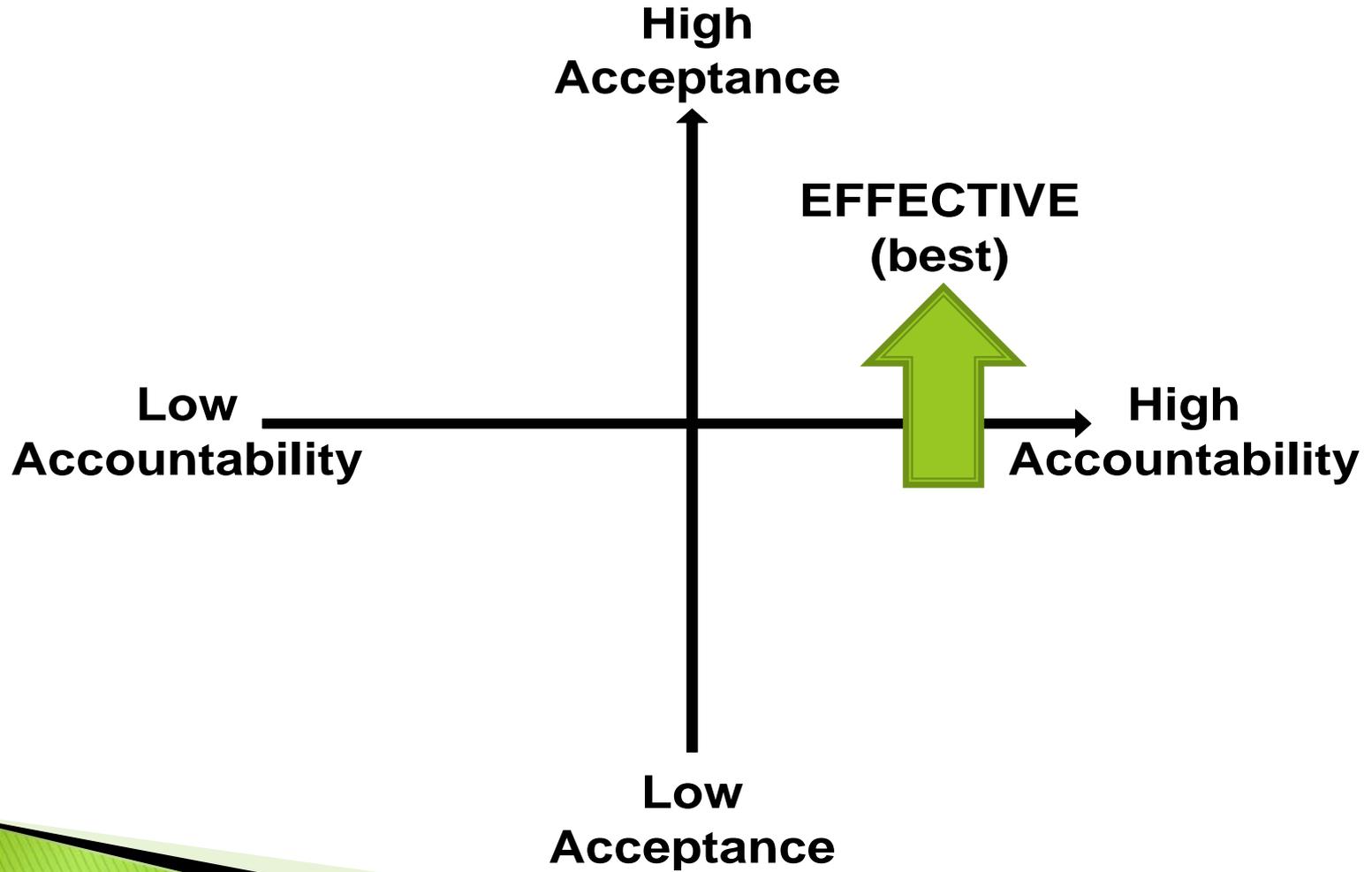
High Levels of
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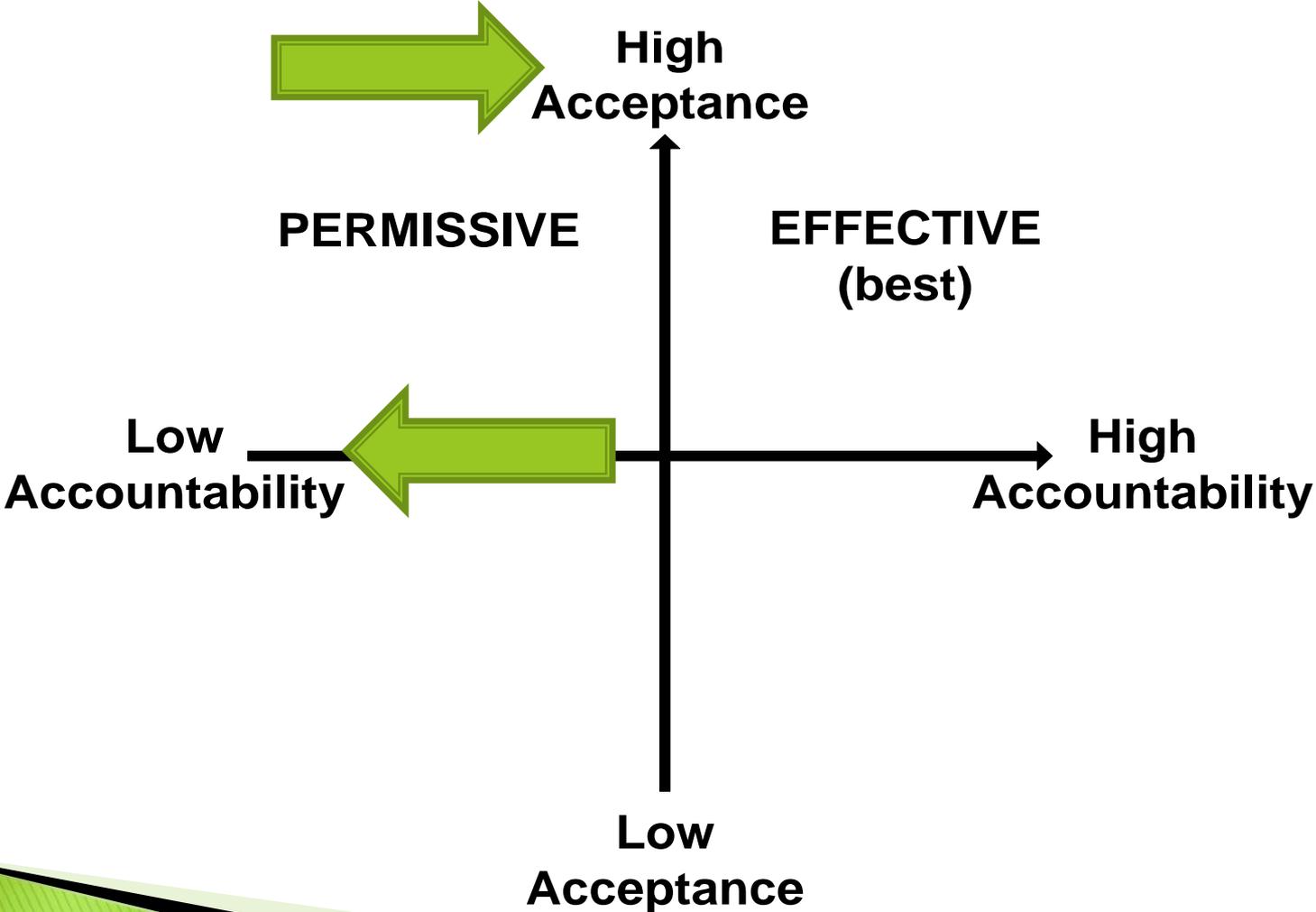


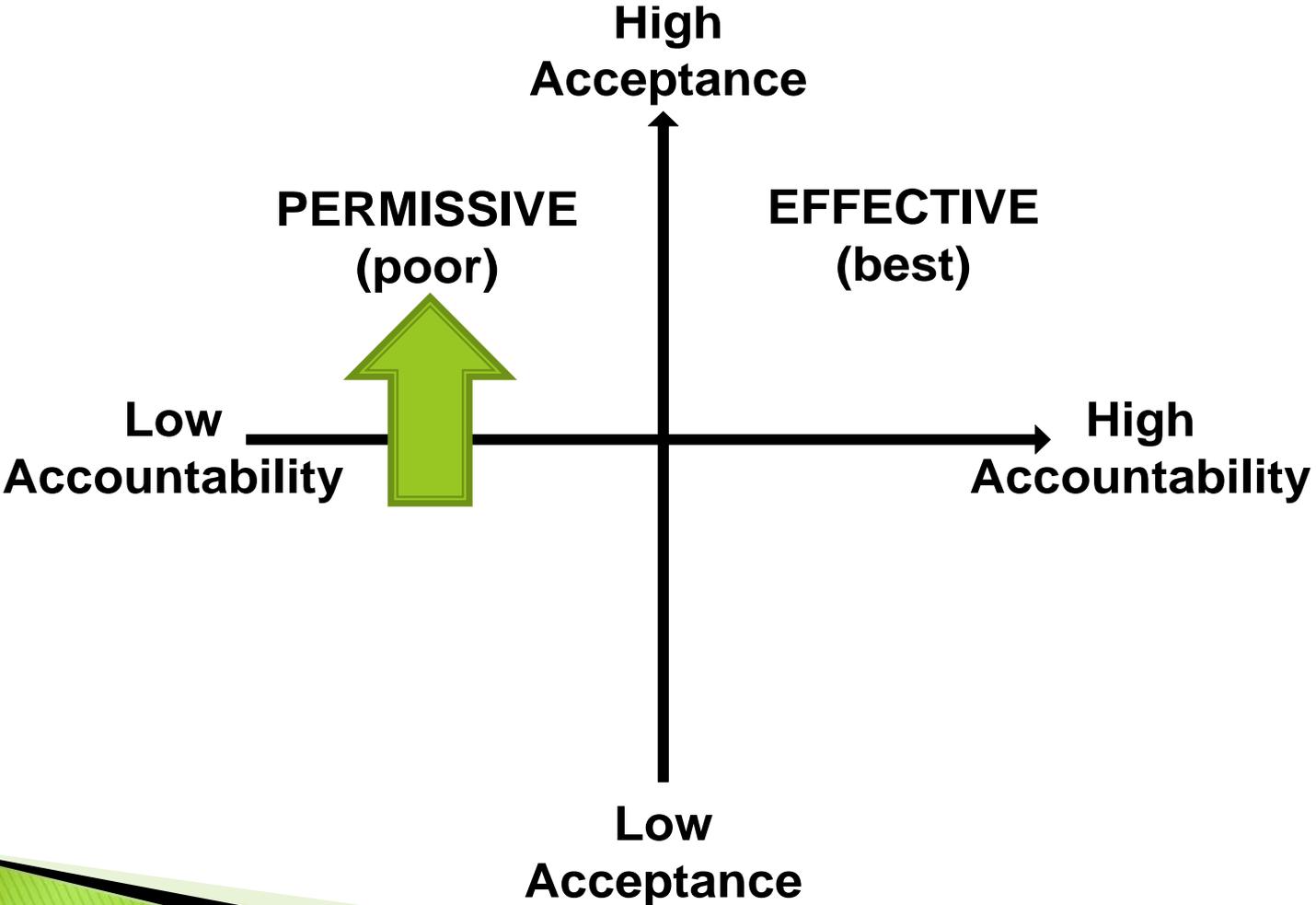
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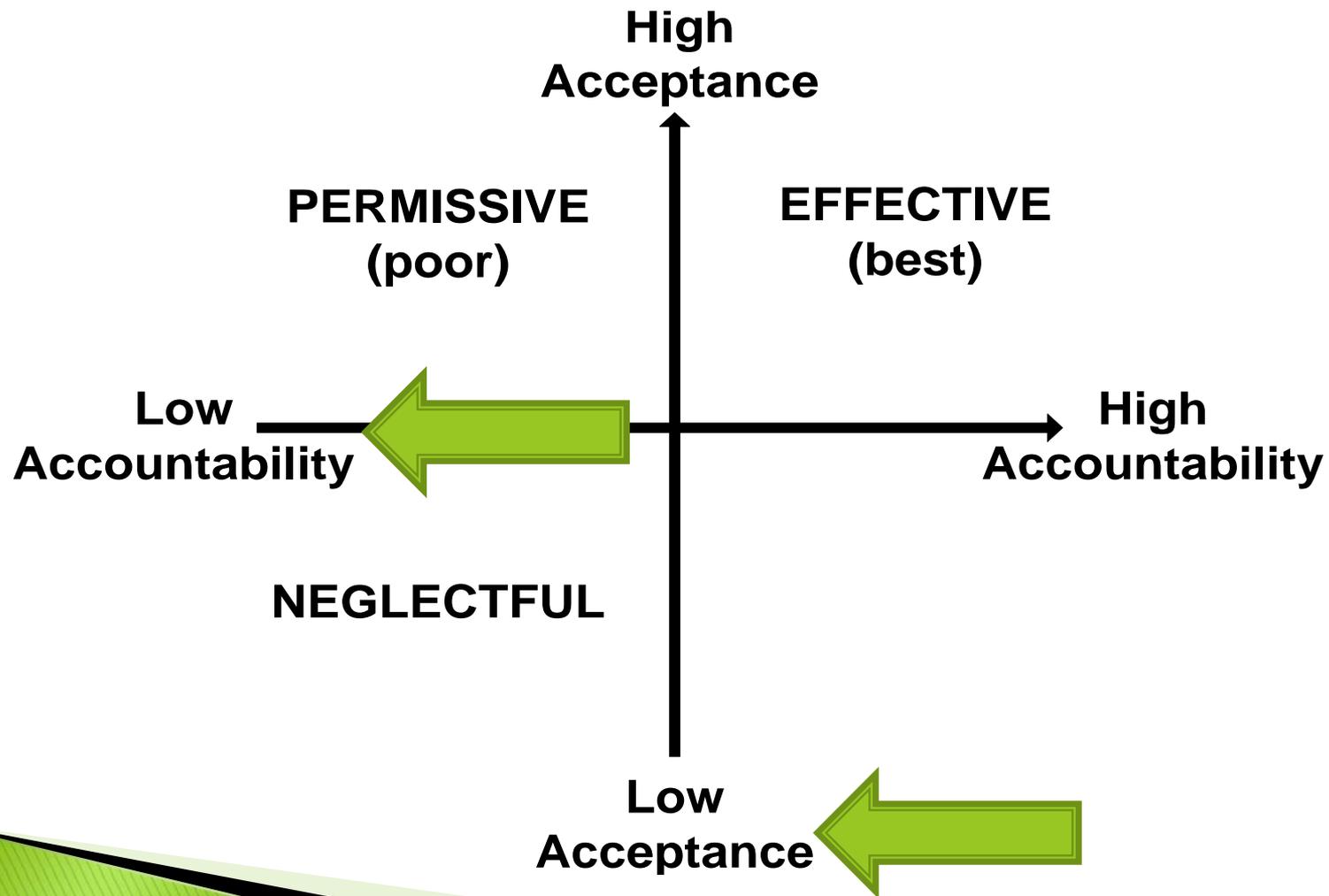
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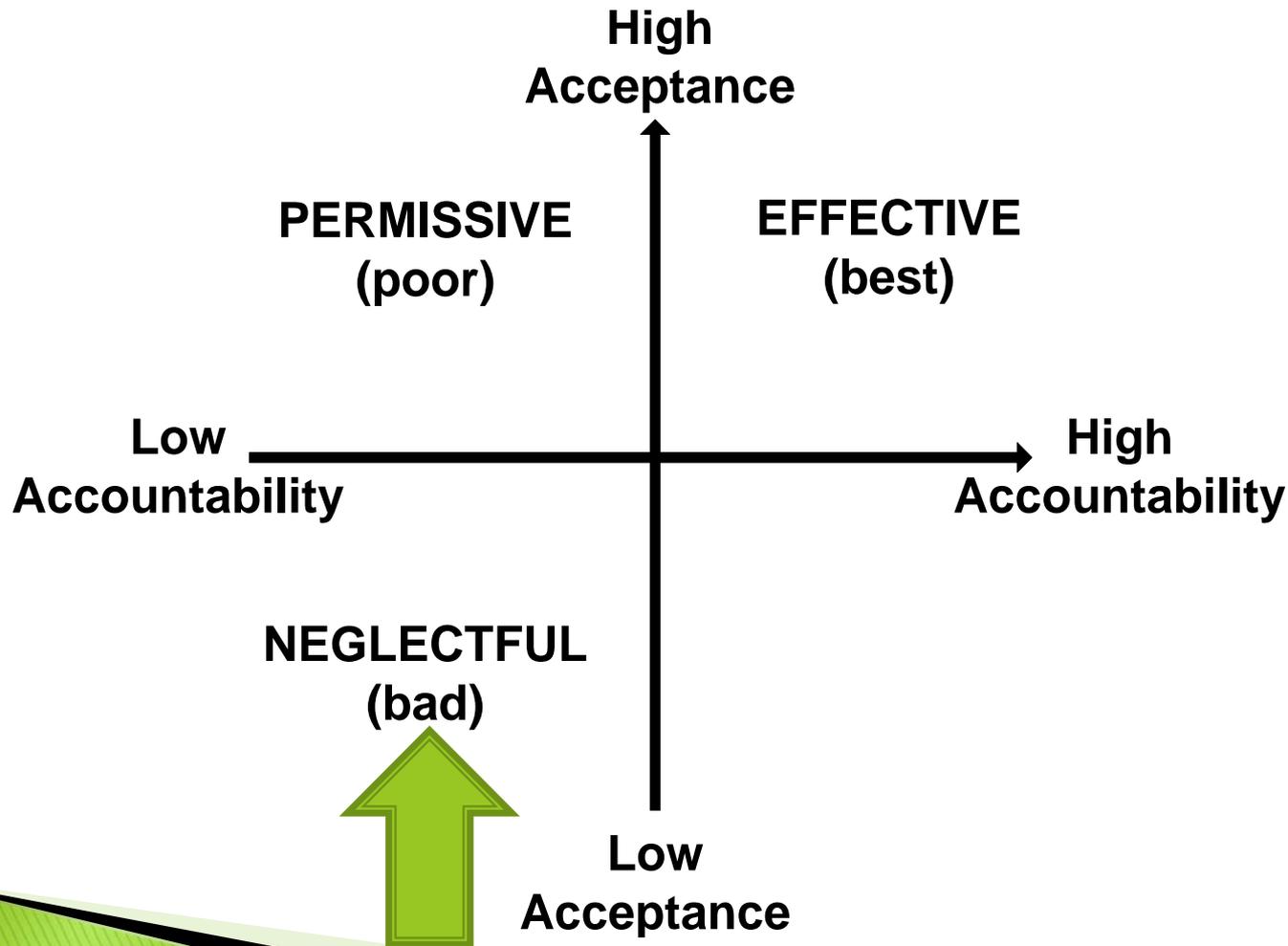


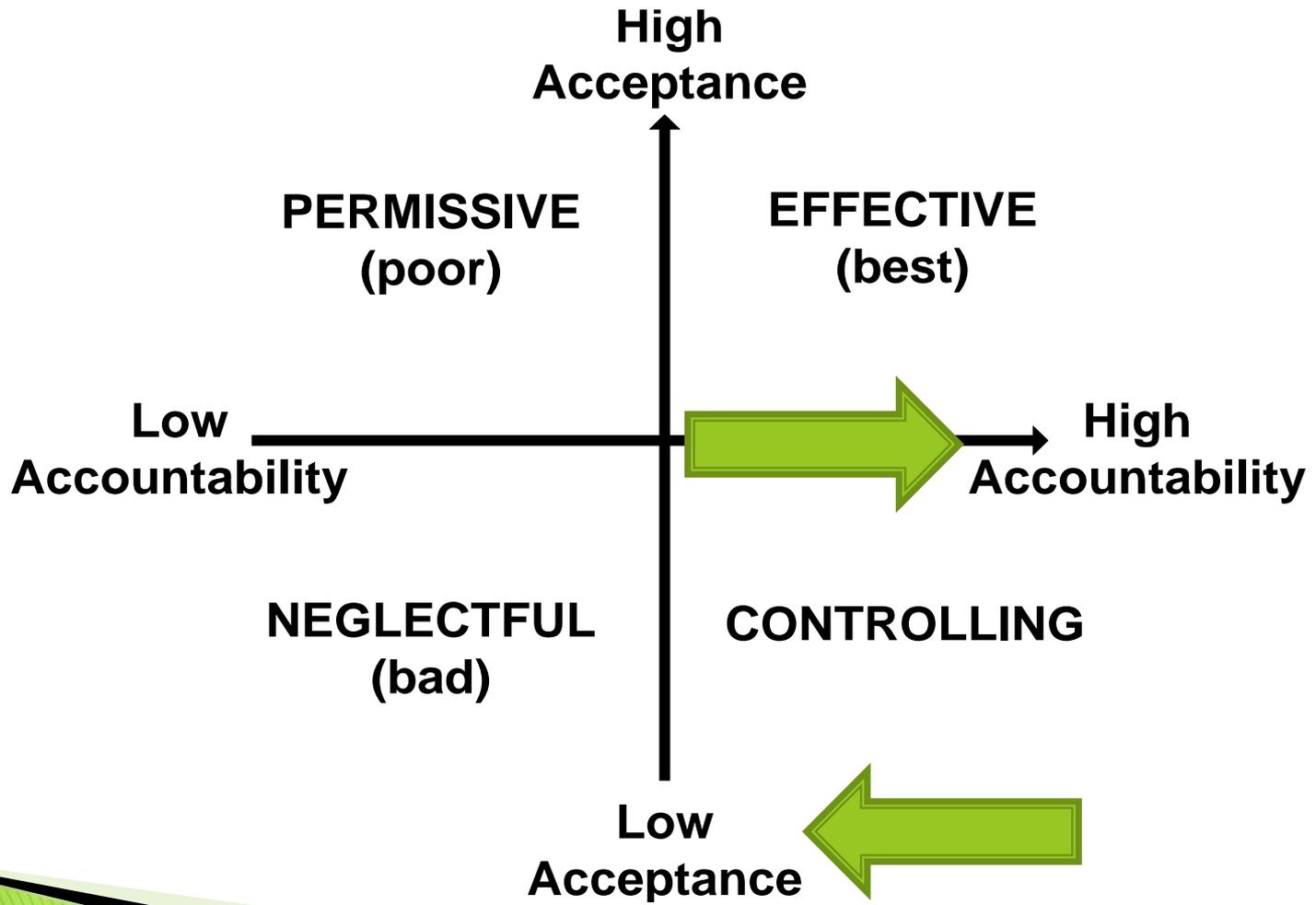


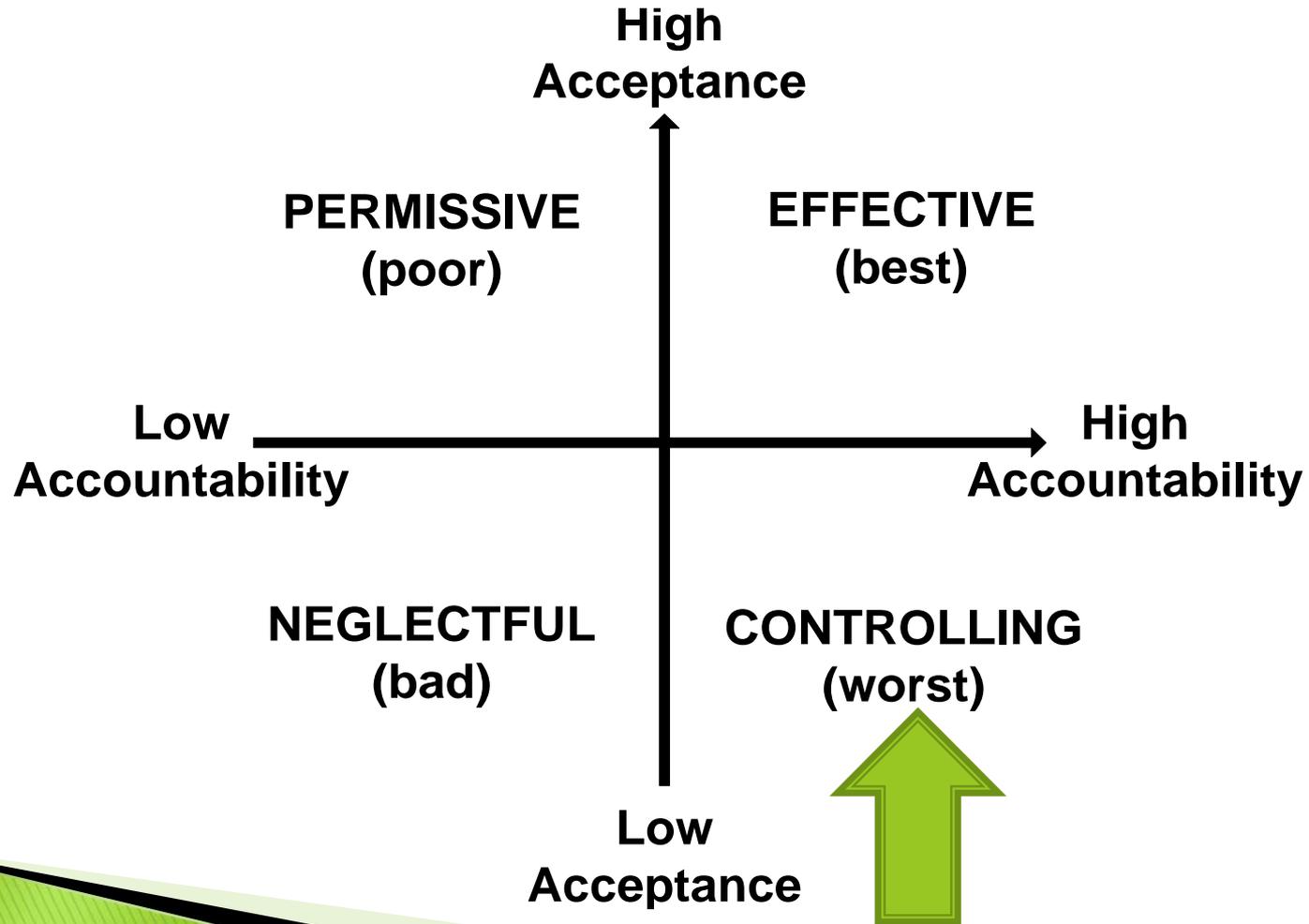








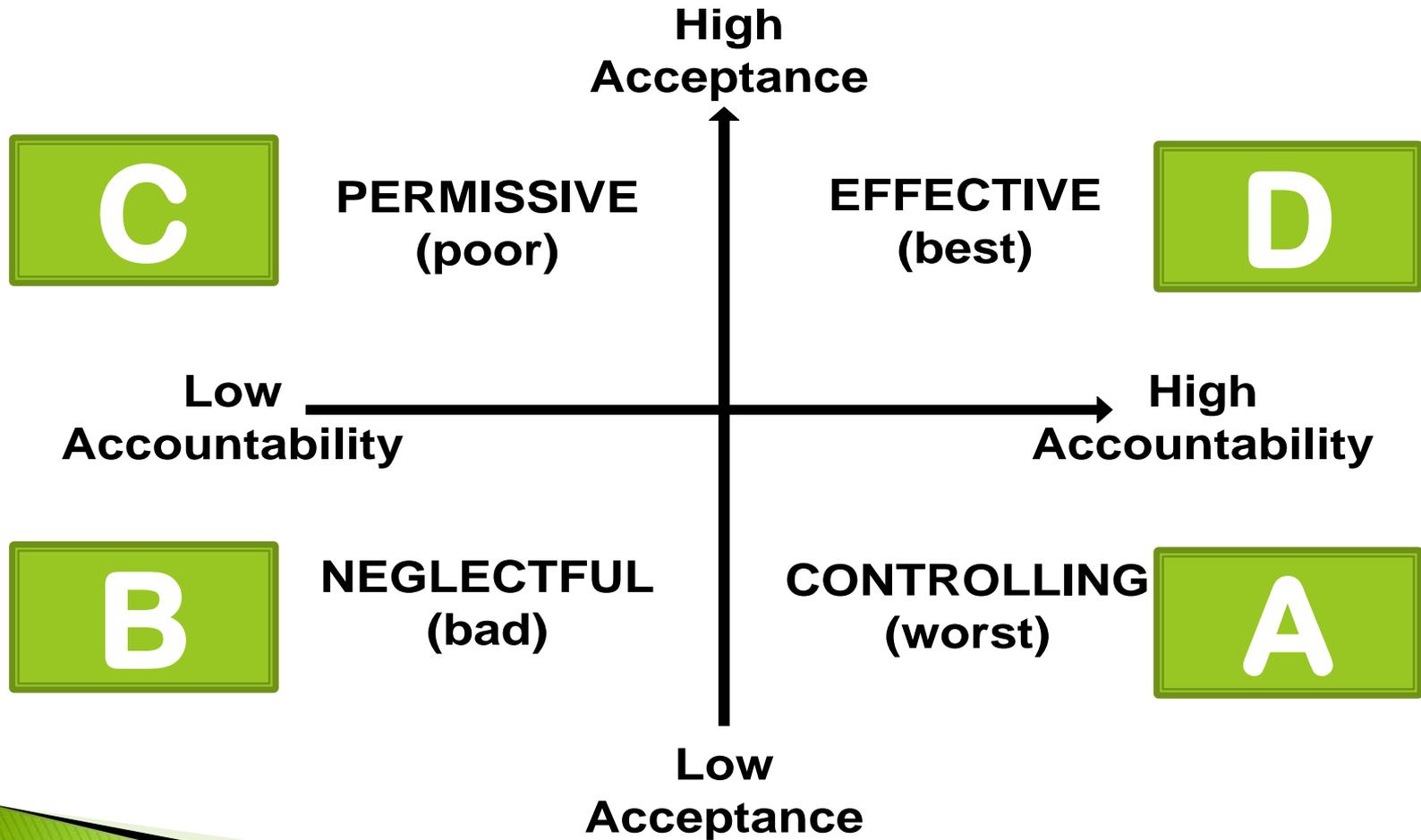


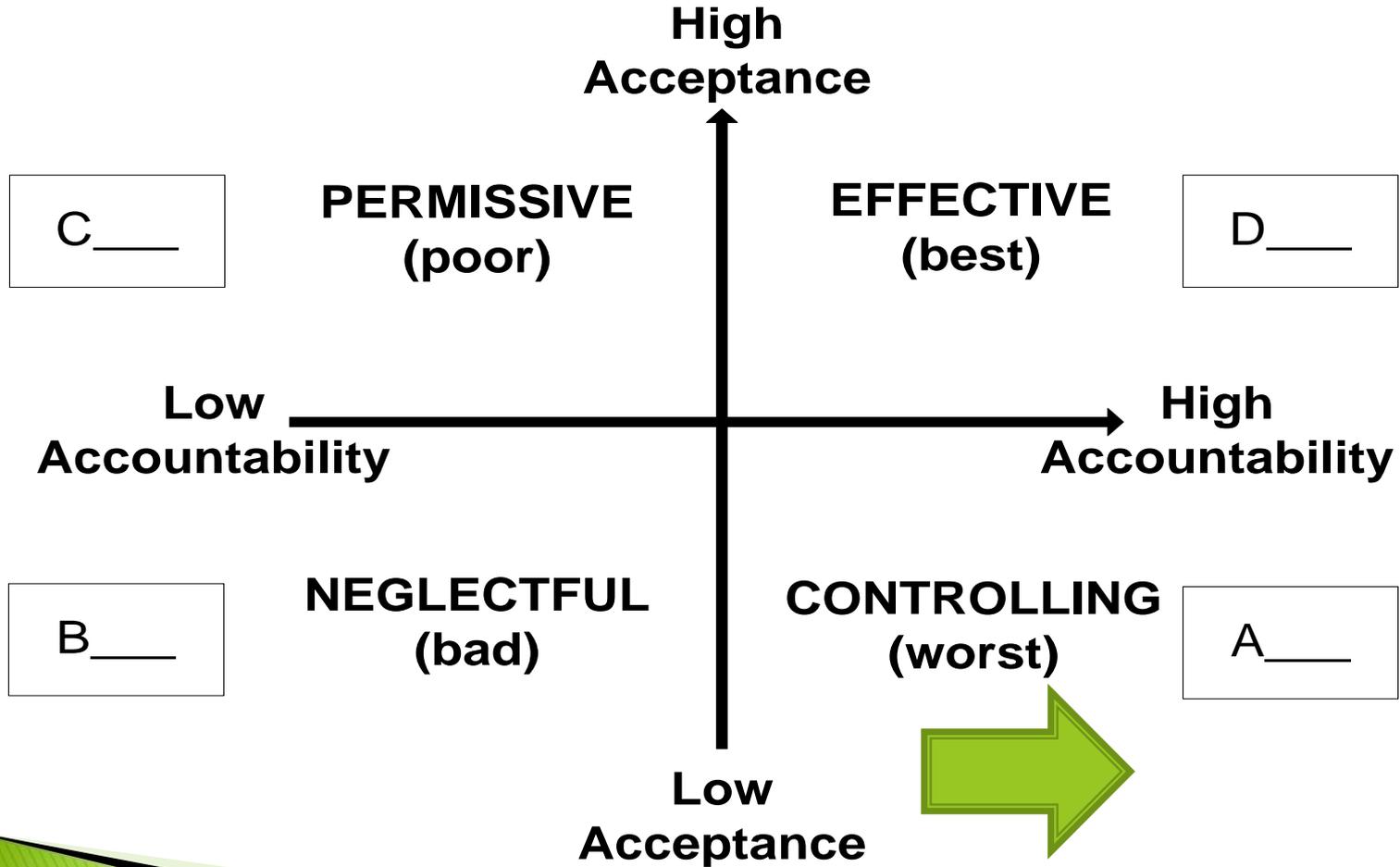


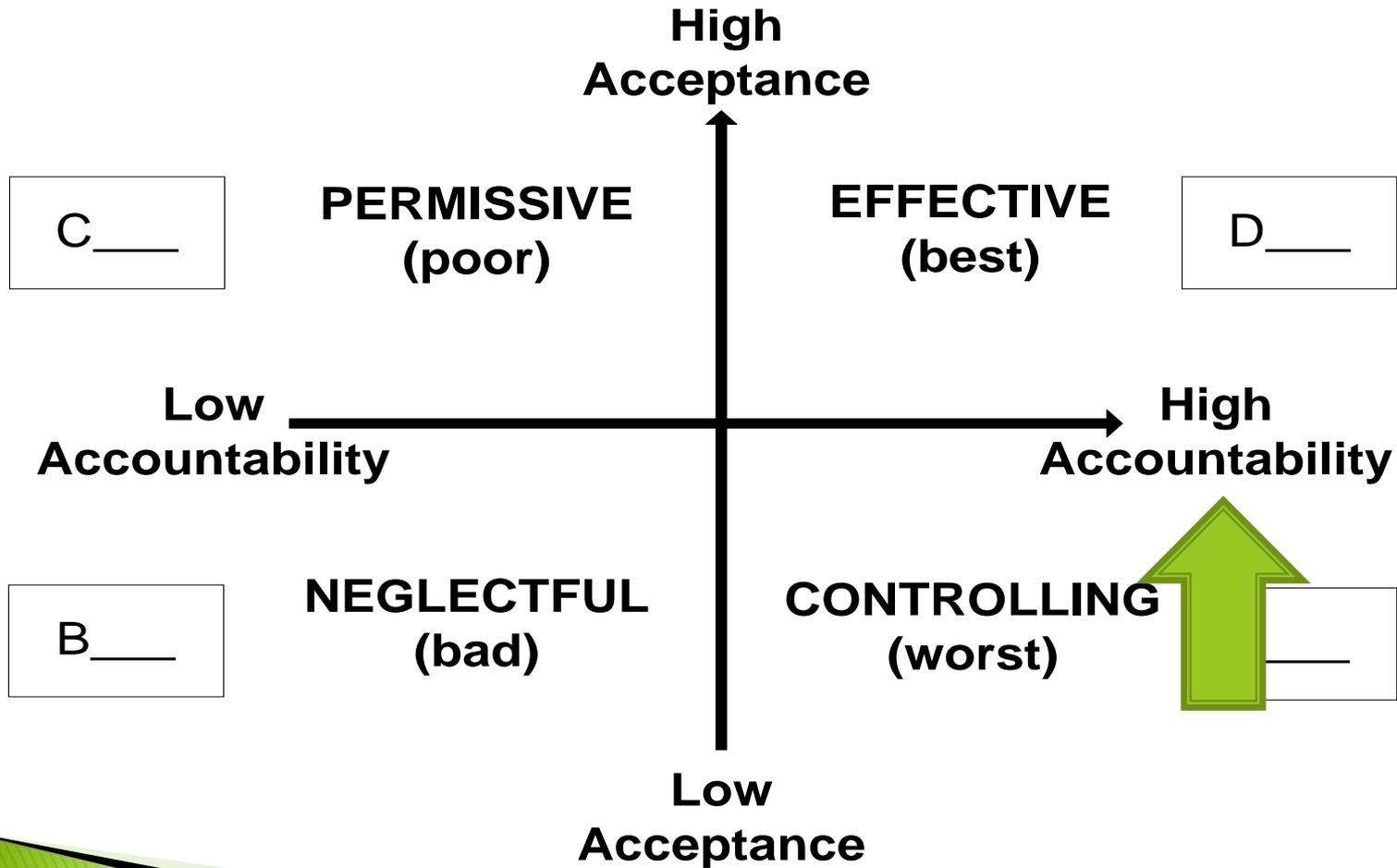
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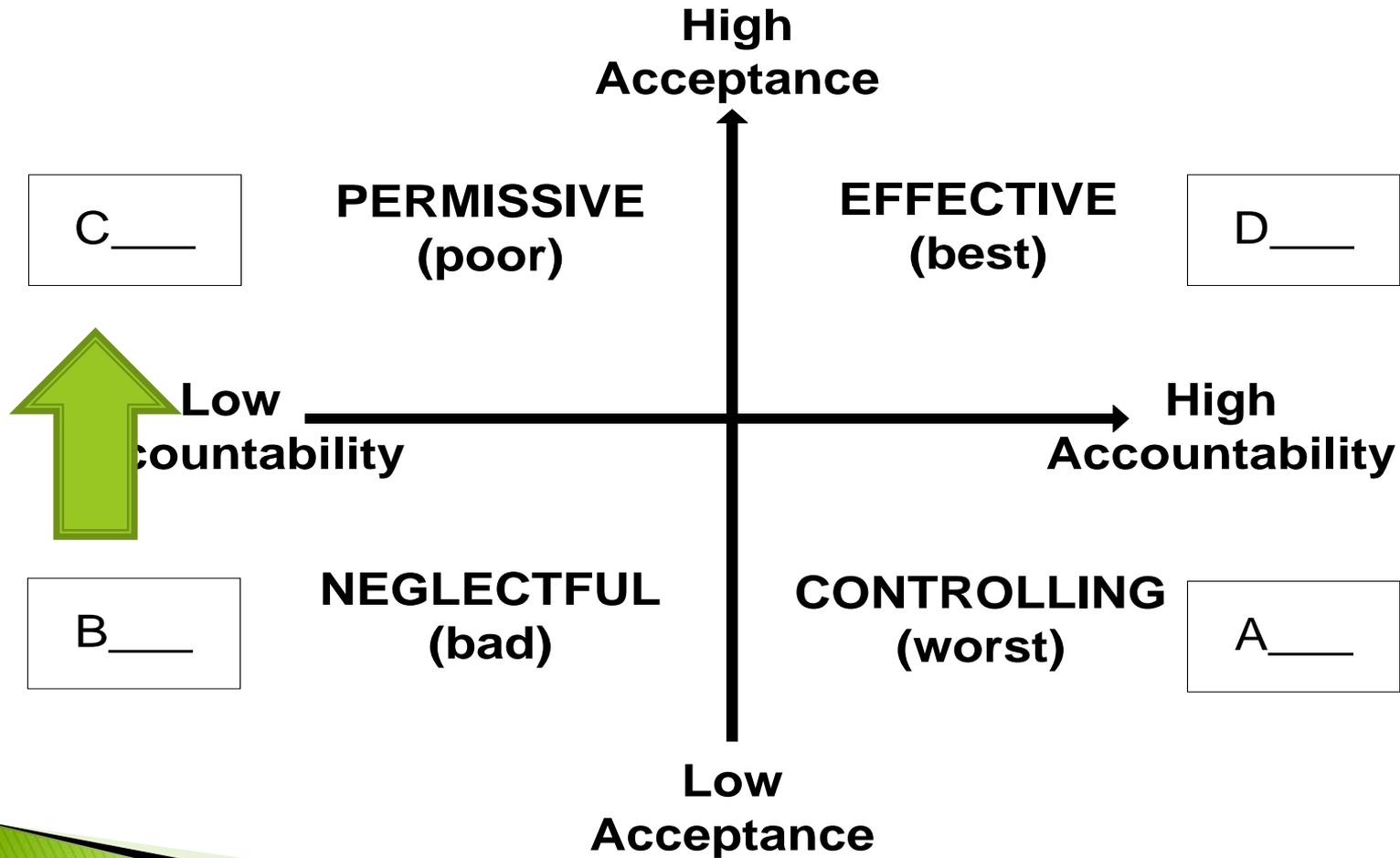
- » Count all of your A answers
- Count all of your B answers
- Count all of your C answers
- Count all of your D answers

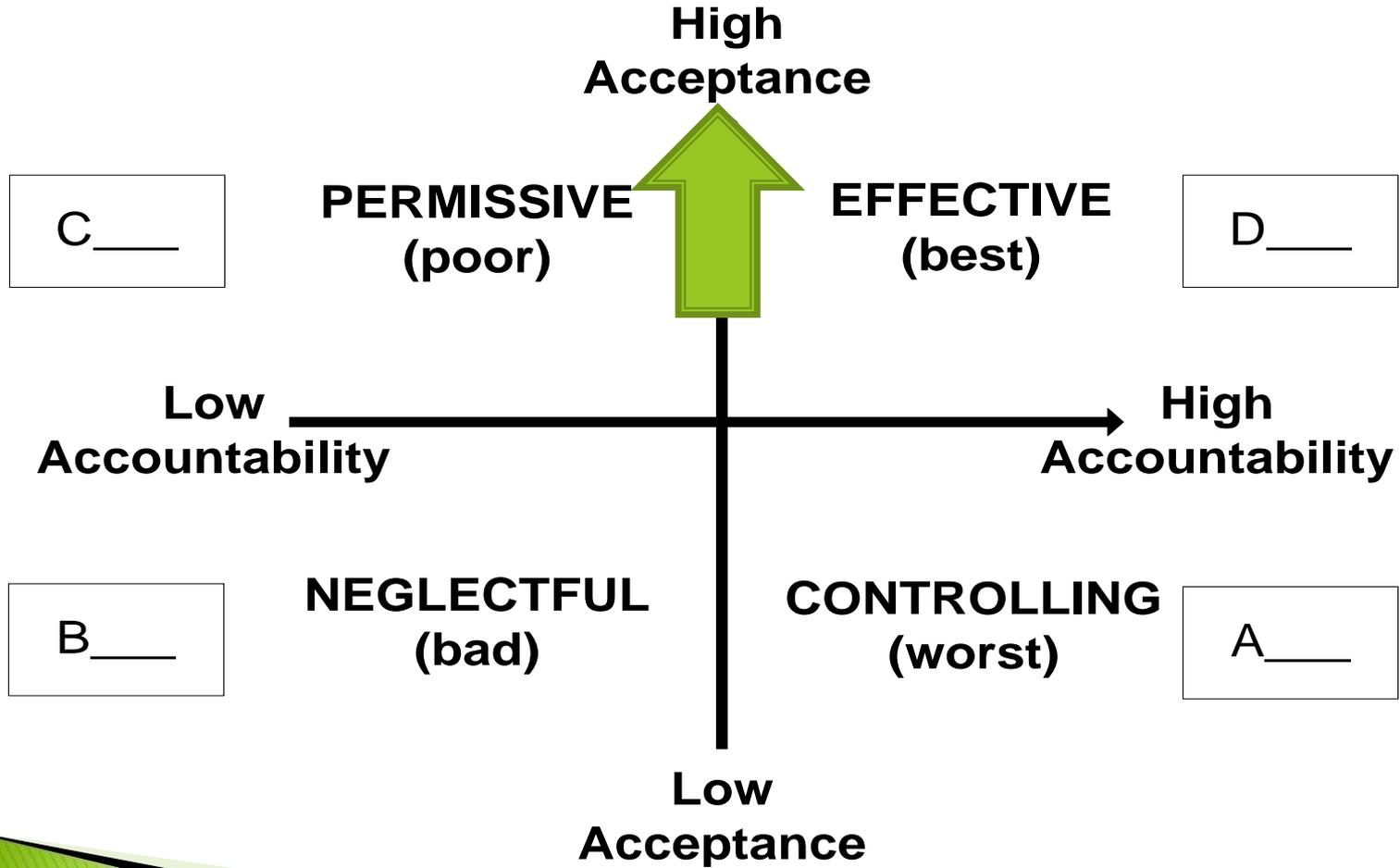
PLACE THE NUMBERS ON YOUR CHART

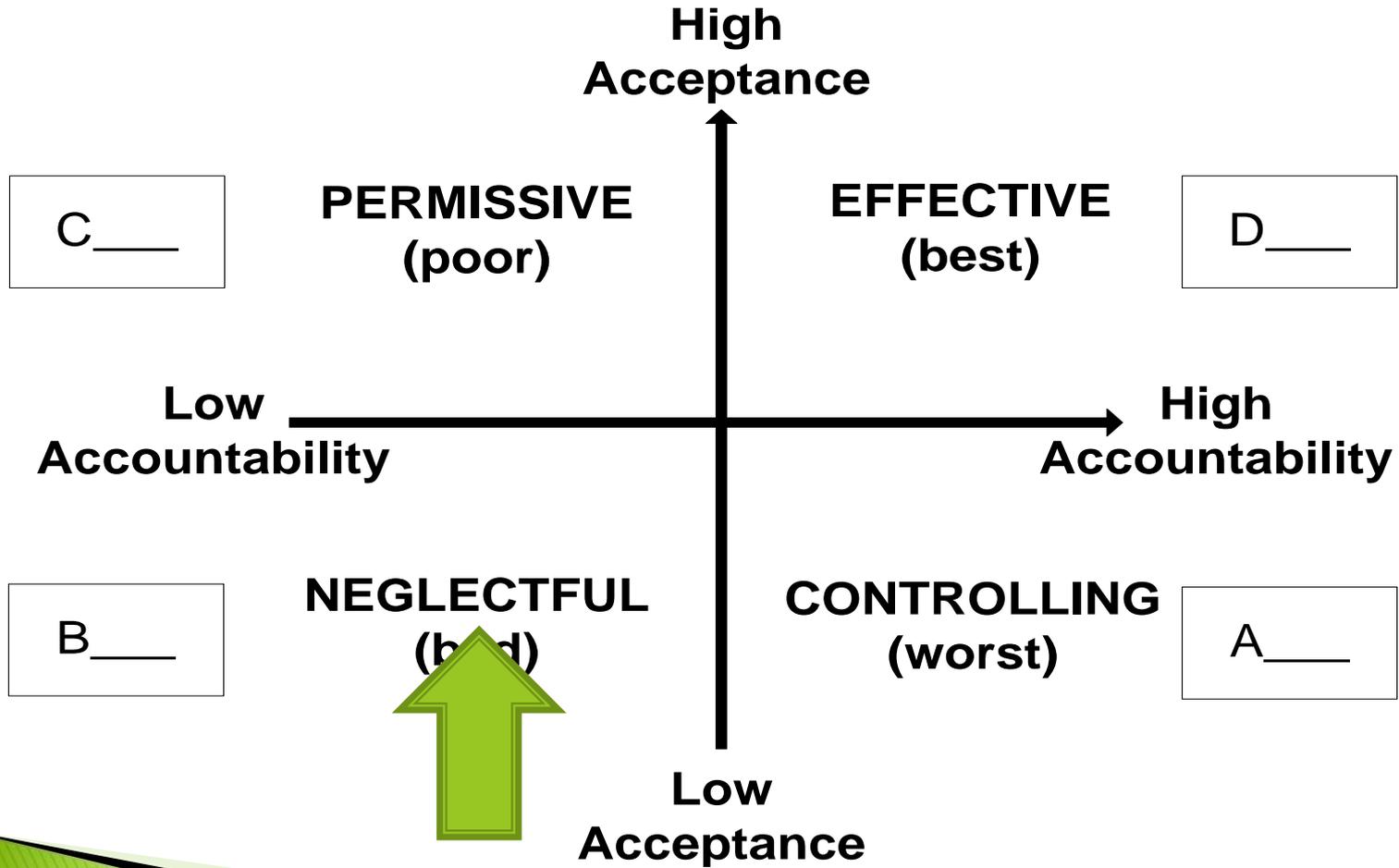


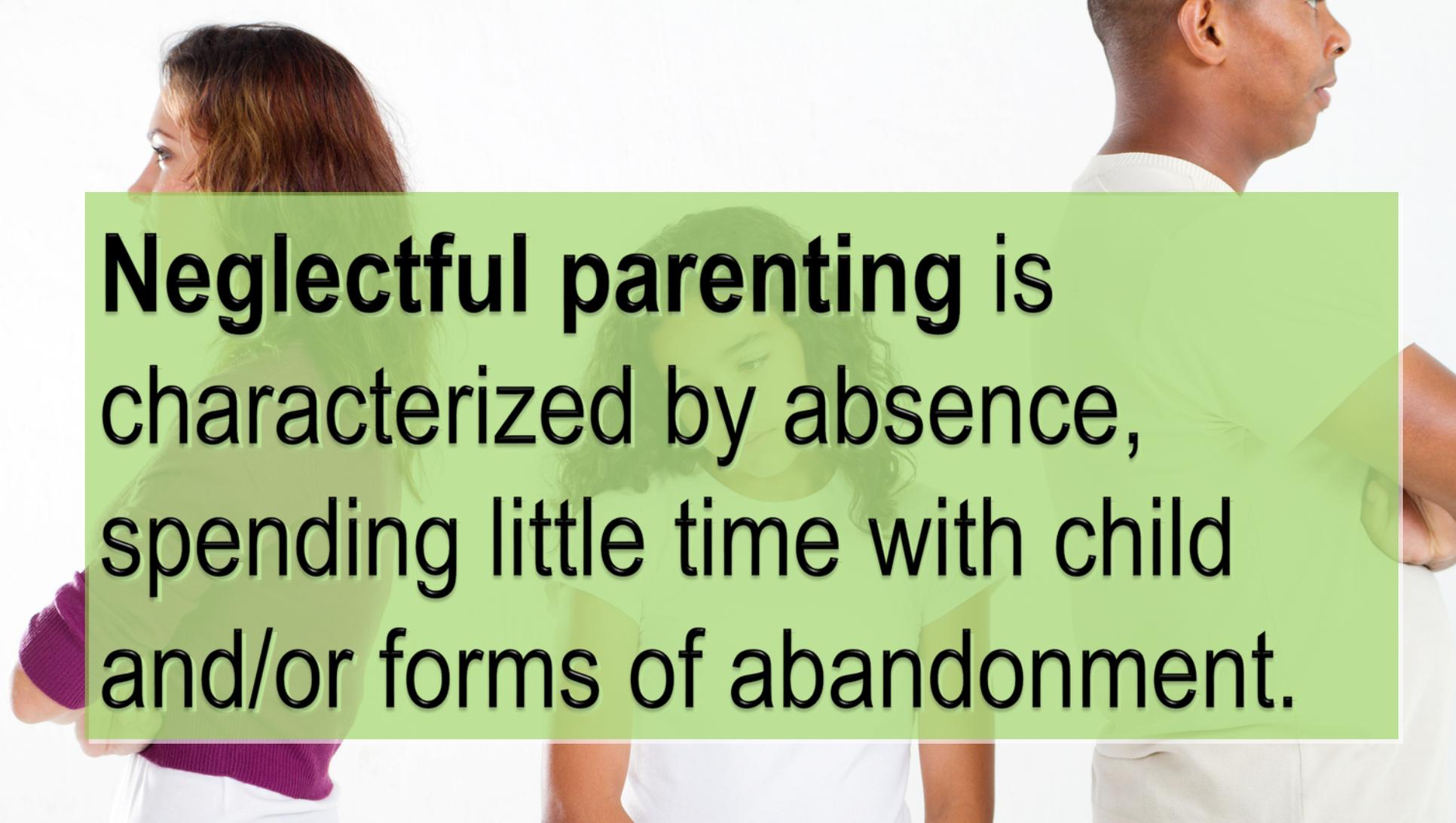












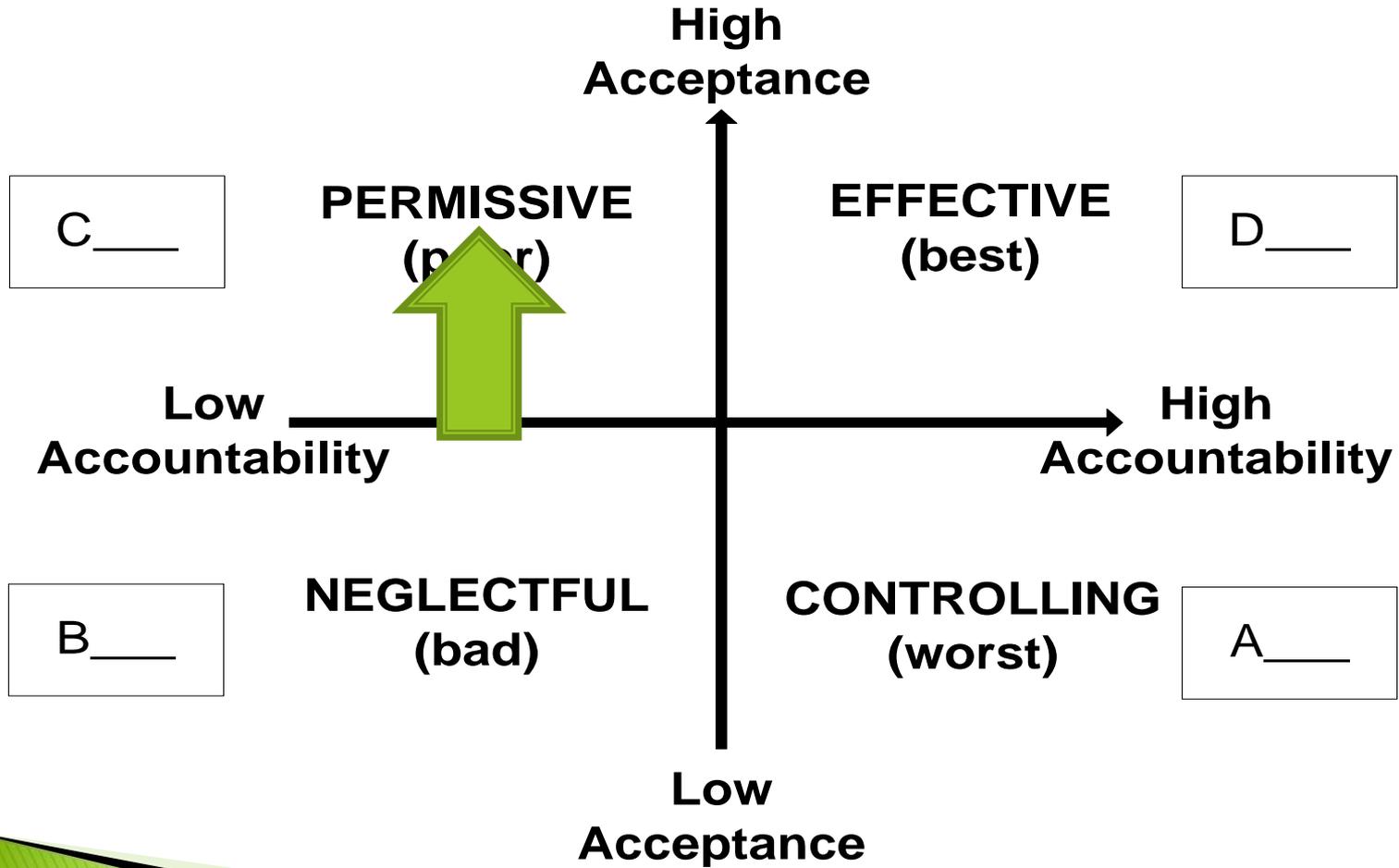
Neglectful parenting is characterized by absence, spending little time with child and/or forms of abandonment.

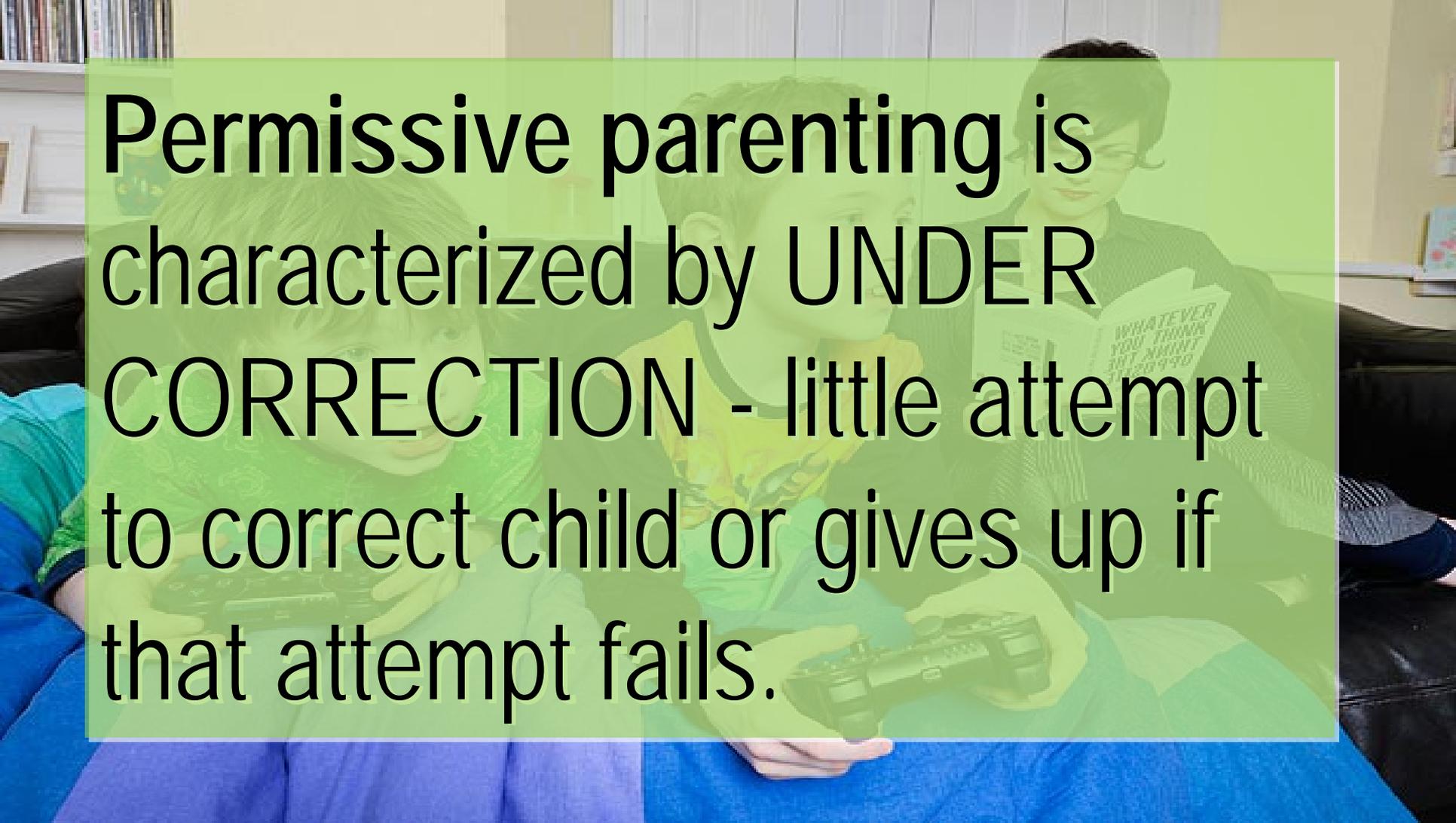
The child of a **NEGLECTFUL** parent may have the following kinds of thoughts:

- I'm not important.
 - What I want isn't important.
 - Why should I care about others? Others don't really care about me.
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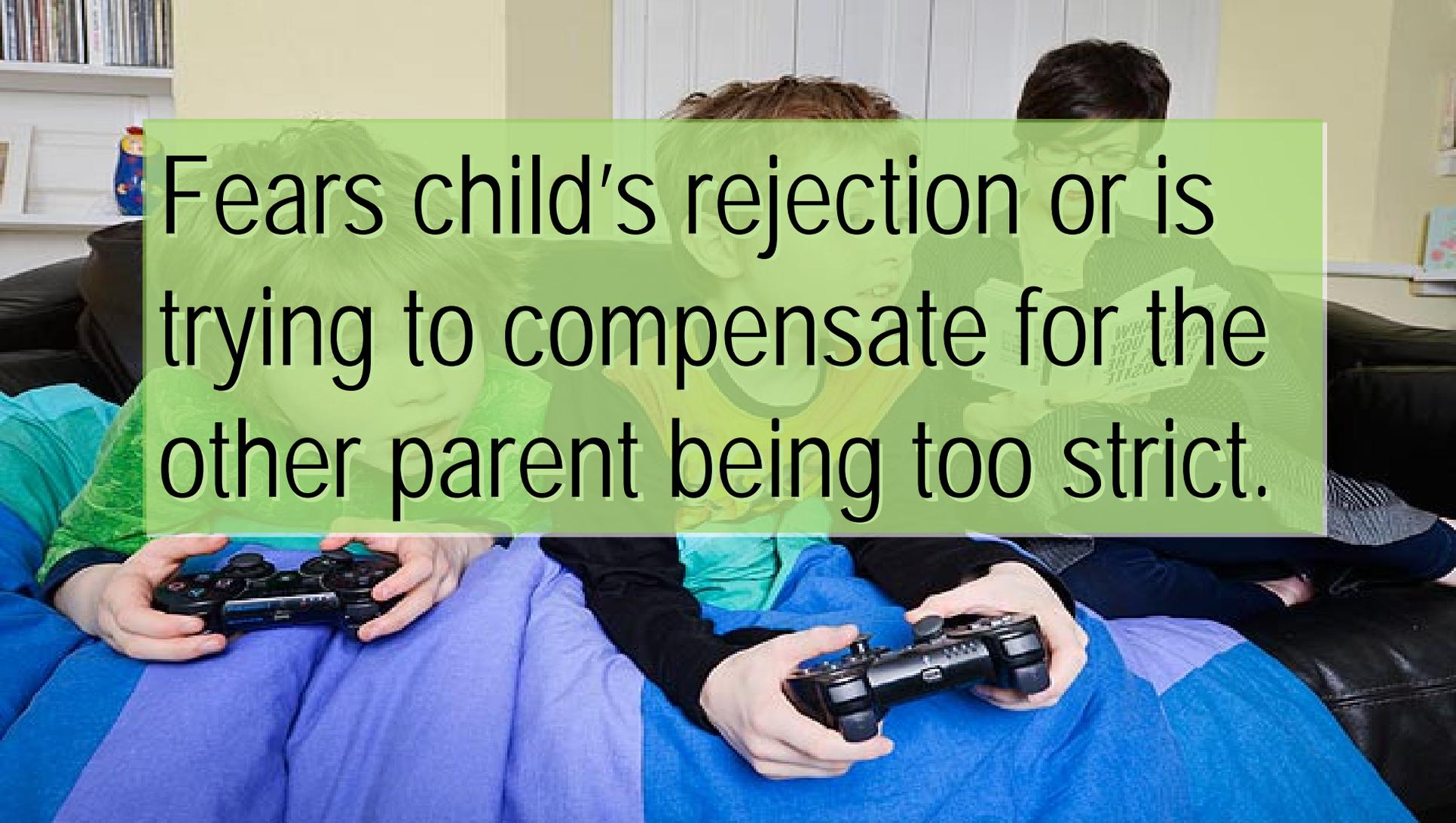
*“If anyone doesn’t take care of his own relatives, especially his **immediate family**, he has denied the Christian faith and is worse than an unbeliever.” 1 Timothy 5:8 (GW)*







Permissive parenting is characterized by UNDER CORRECTION - little attempt to correct child or gives up if that attempt fails.



Fears child's rejection or is trying to compensate for the other parent being too strict.

The child of **PERMISSIVE** parents may have thoughts like:

- I can do what I want.
 - They don't really care enough to make me obey.
 - If it were really important how I behave, they wouldn't forget about what they tell me to do.
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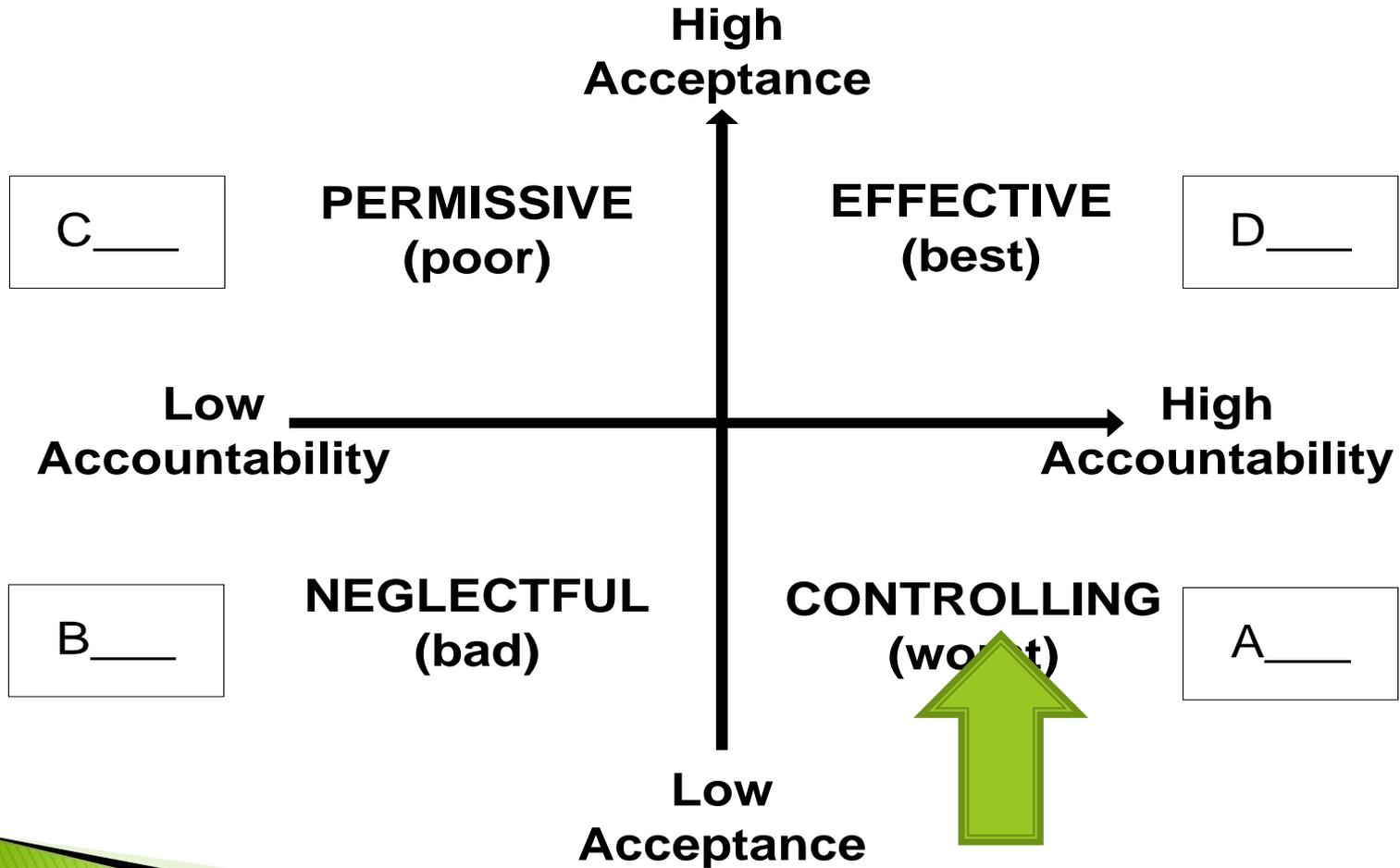
“Correct your son [child], and he will give you comfort; he will also delight your soul.”

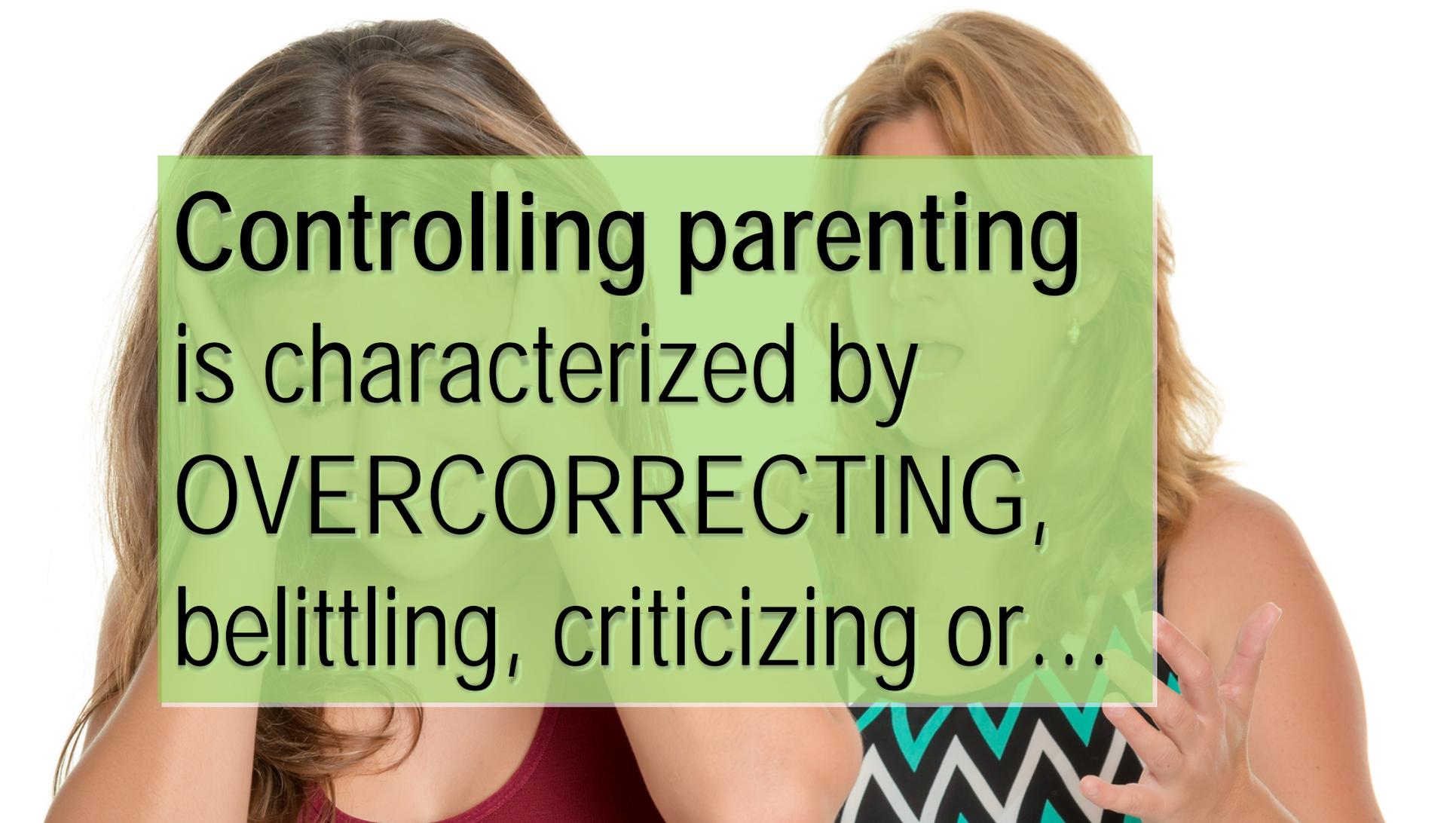
Proverbs 29:17 (NASB)



“Discipline your children while there is hope. If you don’t, you will ruin their lives.”

Proverbs 29:18 (NLT)



The image shows two women from the chest up. The woman on the left has long, dark brown hair and is wearing a maroon top. The woman on the right has long, light brown hair and is wearing a black top with a white and teal zigzag pattern. A semi-transparent green rectangular box is centered over their faces, containing text. The woman on the right has her right hand raised, with fingers spread, as if gesturing while speaking.

Controlling parenting
is characterized by
OVERCORRECTING,
belittling, criticizing or...

Being OVER-
PROTECTIVE

“Helicopter
Parenting”



The child of a **CONTROLLING** parent may have thoughts like:

- I get yelled at for everything I say or do.
 - If I think for myself or make a decision of my own, I get criticized.
 - I'll keep my thoughts to myself.
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- I'll get out of here the first chance I get.
 - No mistake I've ever made has been forgiven or forgotten.
 - There's no way I can ever please them, so what's the use of trying?
 - Can't they ever accept me the way I am?
 - I'm a failure.
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“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them.

*Rather, bring them up with the **discipline [training] and instruction** that comes from the Lord.”*

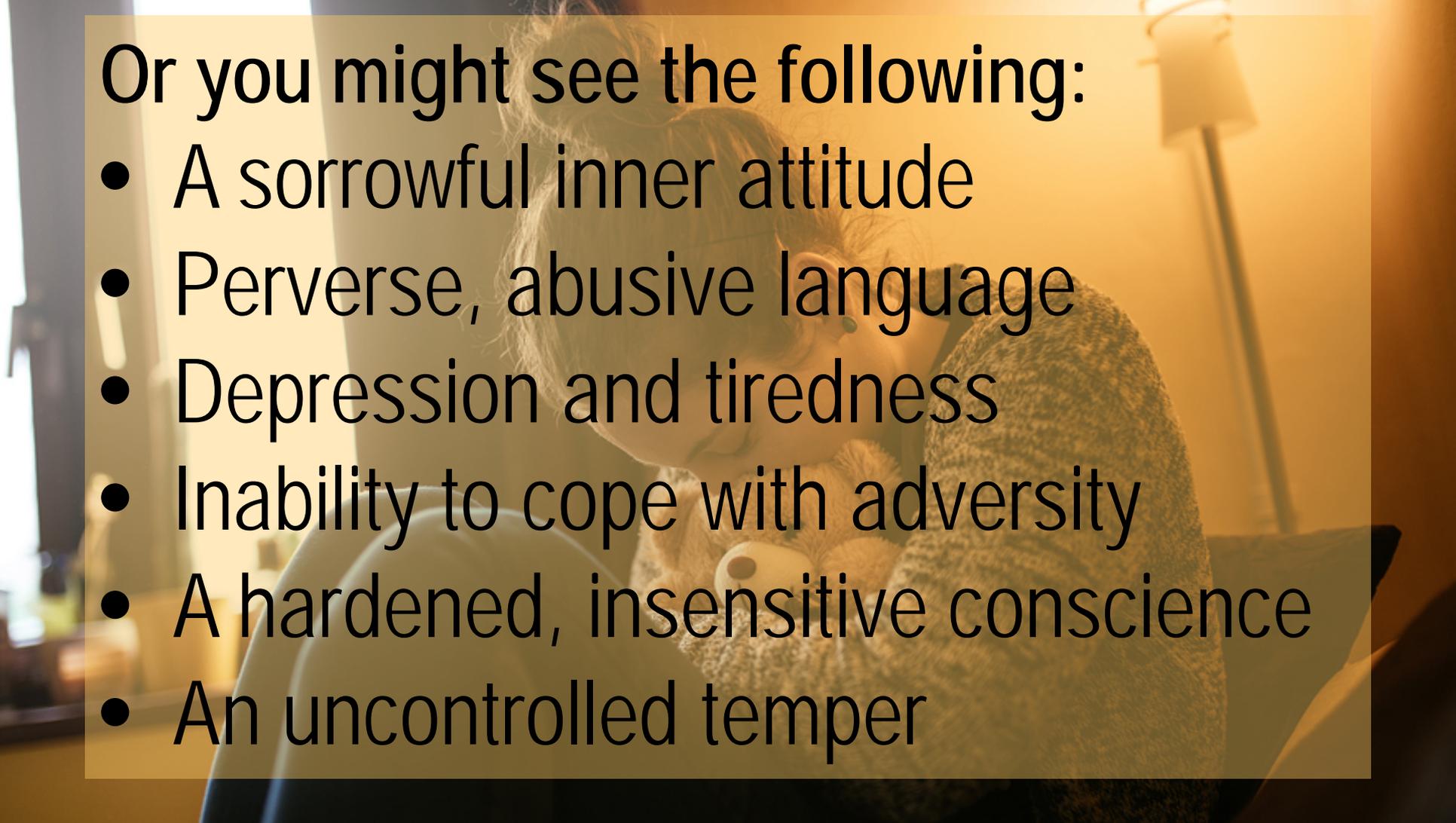
Ephesians 6:4 (NLT)



A young man in a grey hoodie is lighting a cigarette with a yellow lighter. He is looking down at the cigarette. In the background, another person is visible, and the setting appears to be an indoor space with some furniture.

Wounded children might act out in several ways:

- Rebellion and open defiance
- Lying and deception
- Deliberate disobedience
- Drug involvement
- Sexual involvement
- Leaving home
- Joining anti-social groups
- Crime

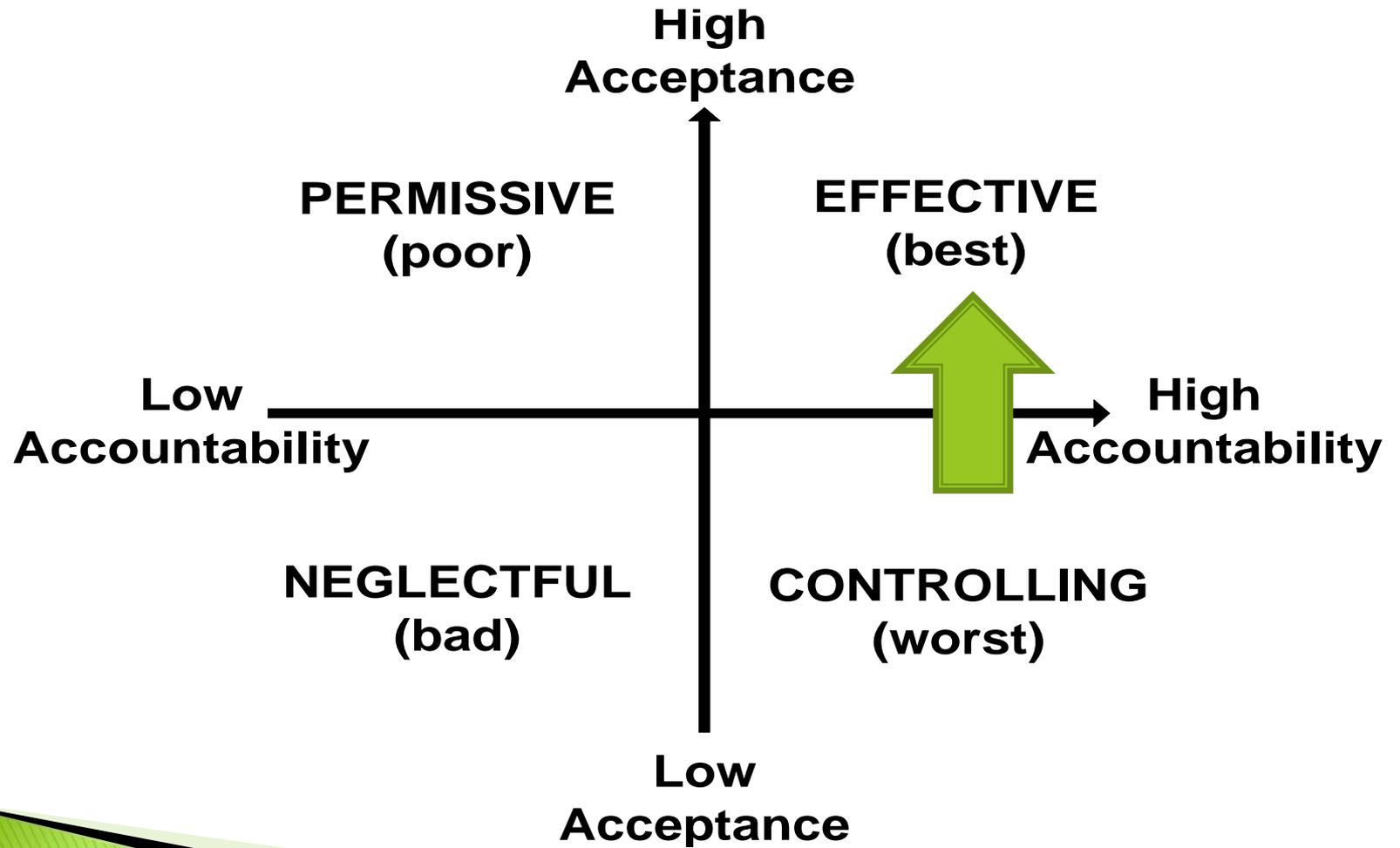
A young girl with dark hair is shown from the chest up, hugging a large, light-colored teddy bear. She is wearing a dark, textured sweater. The background is softly lit with a warm, golden light, possibly from a lamp, creating a somber and intimate atmosphere. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Or you might see the following:

- A sorrowful inner attitude
- Perverse, abusive language
- Depression and tiredness
- Inability to cope with adversity
- A hardened, insensitive conscience
- An uncontrolled temper



Effective parenting is characterized by treating your child as an important individual.



“The wise in heart are called discerning, and gracious words promote instruction [increase learning].” Proverbs 16:21 (NIV)



*“Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as **more important than yourselves.**”*

Philippians 2:3 (NASB)



ACTION STEP:

- Ask God to show you how to be a more EFFECTIVE parent.
 - Write what He shows you.
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Group Discussion



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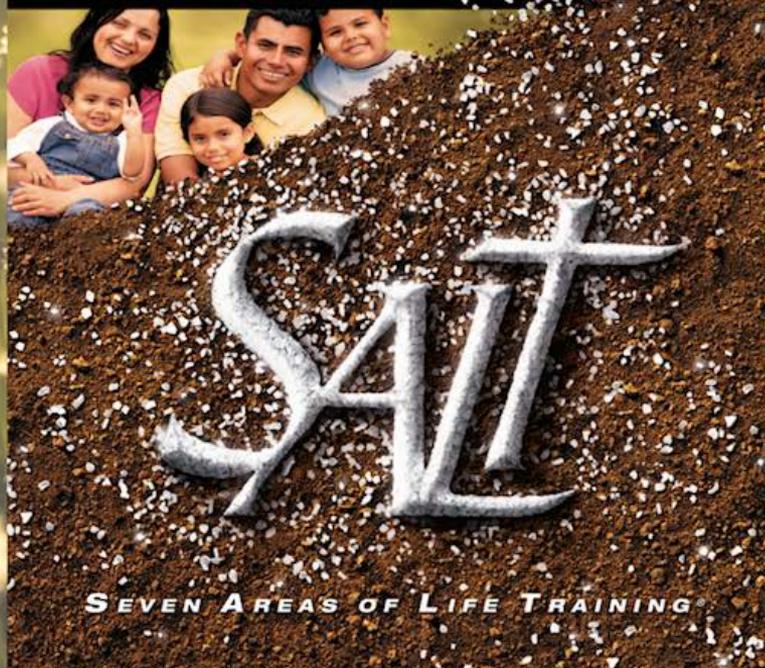
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