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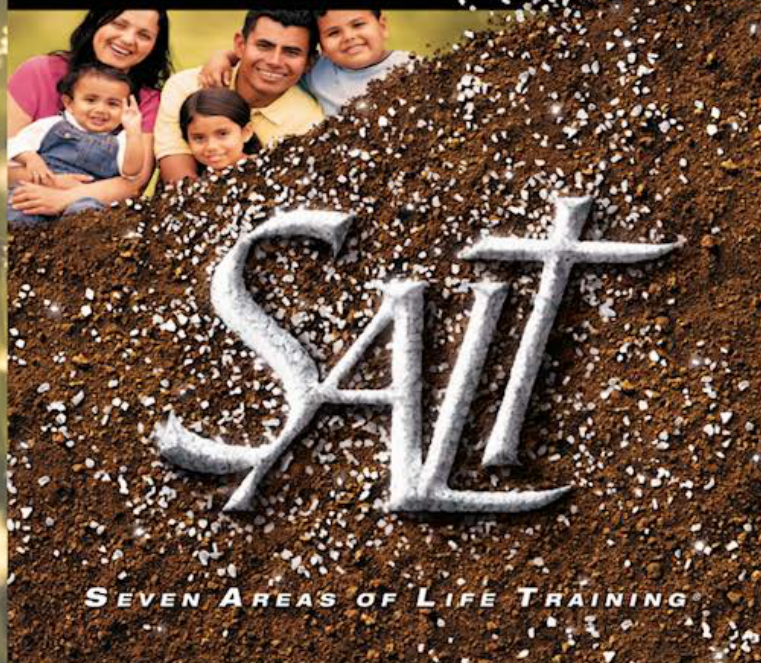
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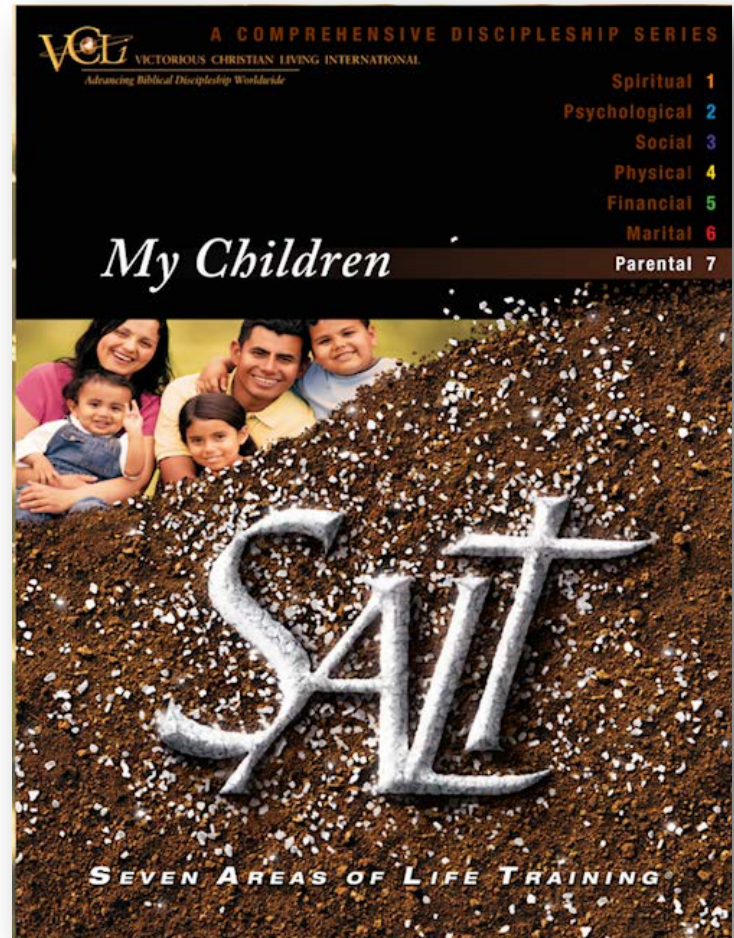
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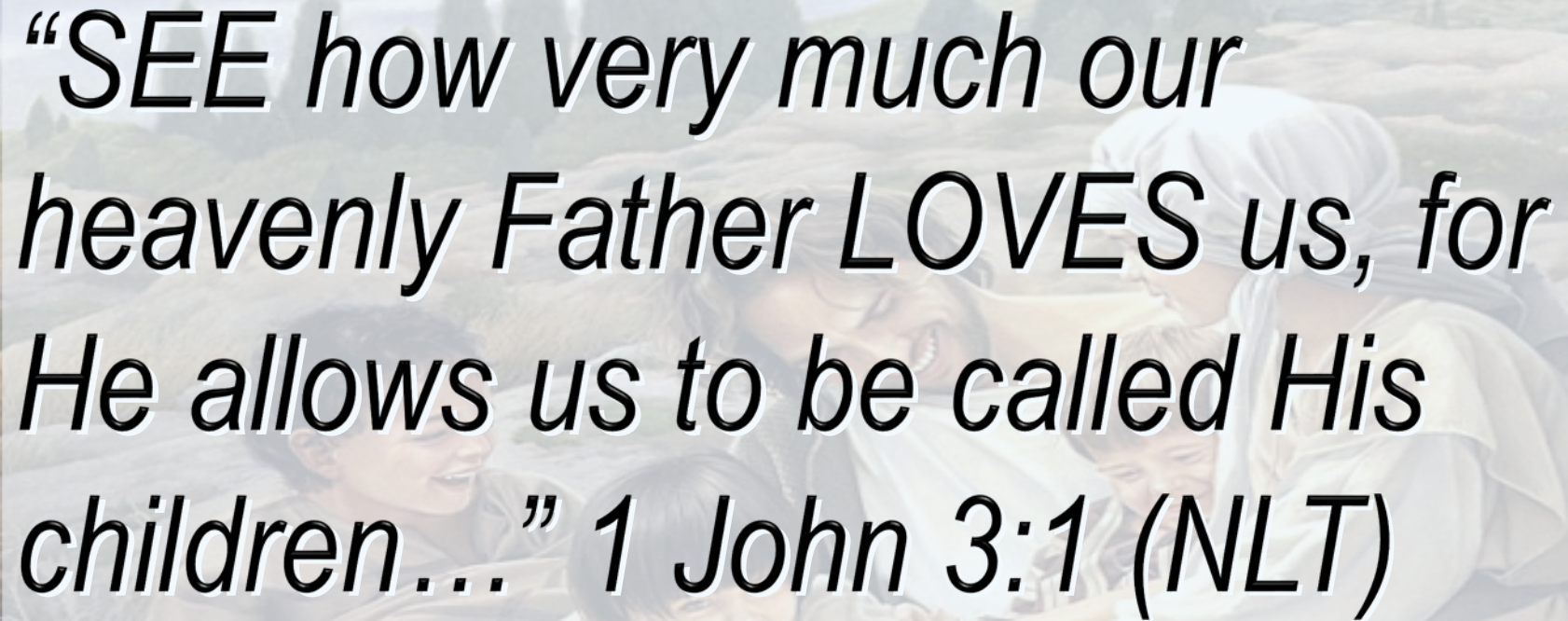
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Chapter 2

HOW TO SHOW YOUR
CHILD ACCEPTANCE –
The 4 A's





“SEE how very much our heavenly Father LOVES us, for He allows us to be called His children...” 1 John 3:1 (NLT)

- Effective
- Permissive
- Neglectful
- Controlling

ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS


ACCEPTANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY



GOD is the PERFECT FATHER!

- » Everything God does for us flows from His love, forgiveness and acceptance!

*“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your **CHILDREN**, how much more will your **FATHER** who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!” Matthew 7:11 (NKJ)*




*“But God showed His **great love** for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.”*

Romans 5:8 (NLT)



*“Therefore, accept one another,
just as Christ also **accepted** us to
the glory of God.” Romans 15:7
(NASB)*






**Our Experiences
Can **Taint** and
Distort our View
of God!**



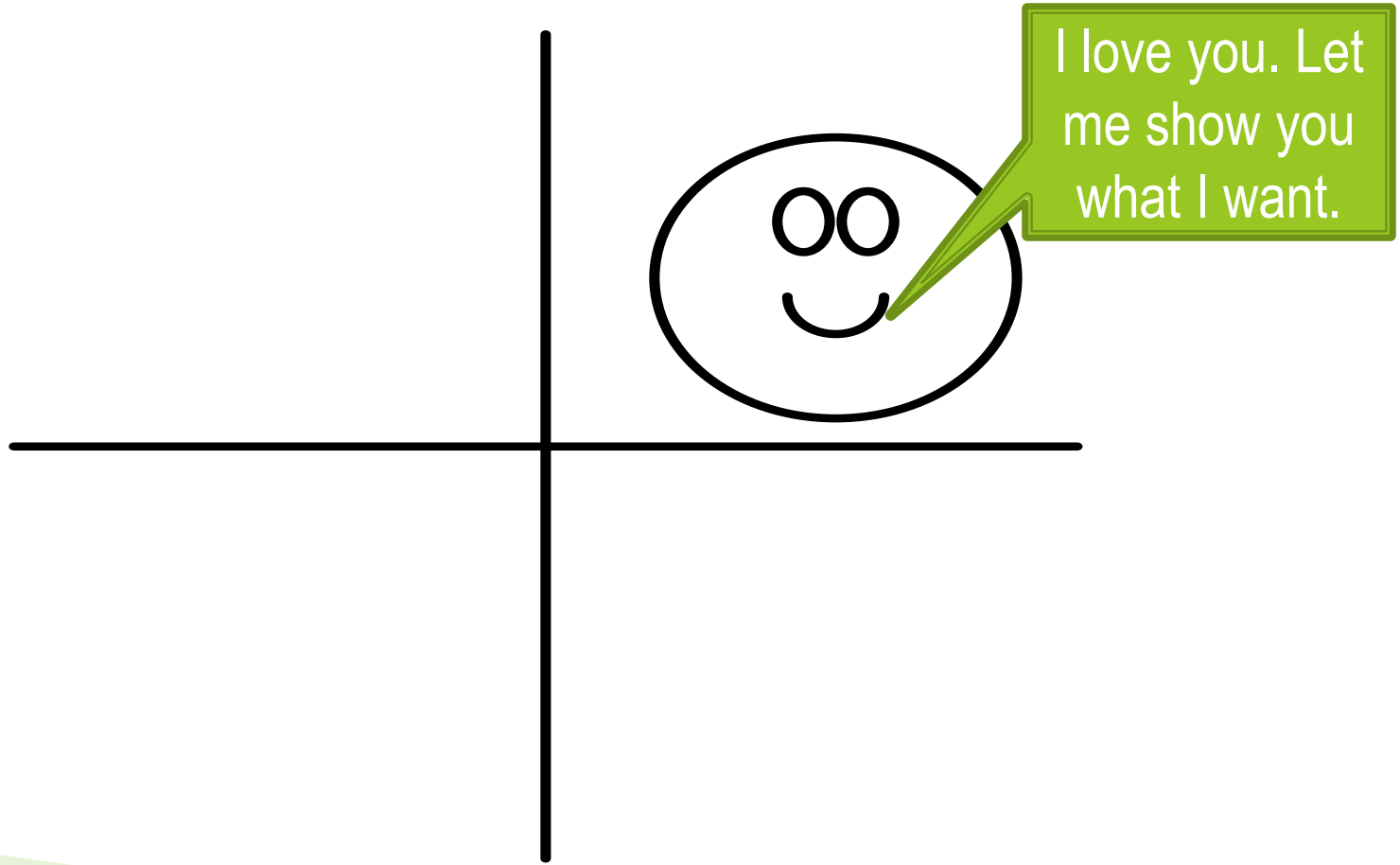
We tend to put our earthly
parent's face on our
Heavenly Father.

*“...[They] exchanged the glory of the **incorruptible God** for an image in the form of **corruptible man...**” Romans 1:23 (NASB)*



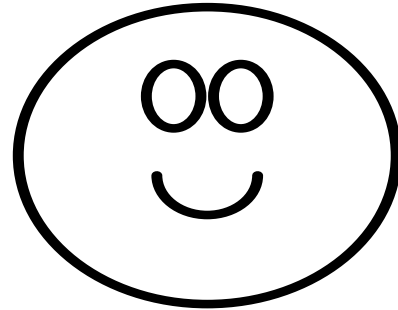
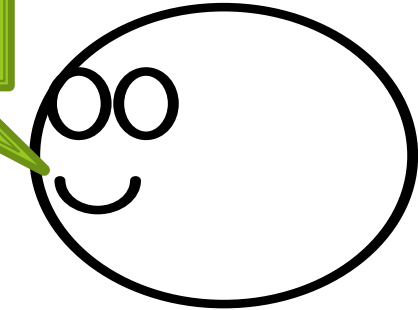


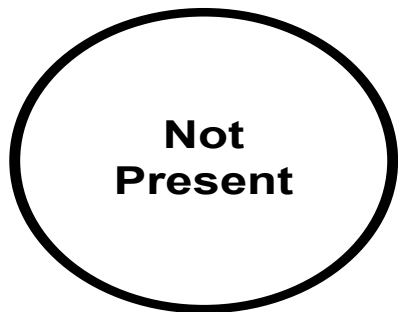
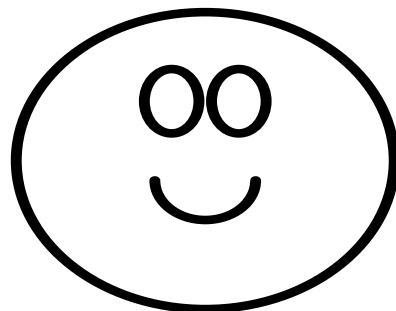
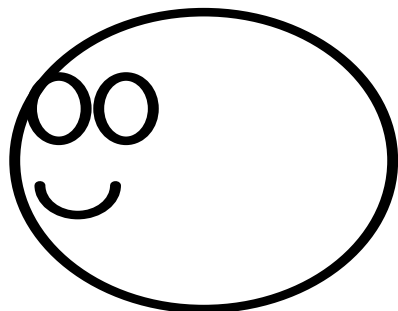
Not All Parents Accurately Reflect God
To Their Children



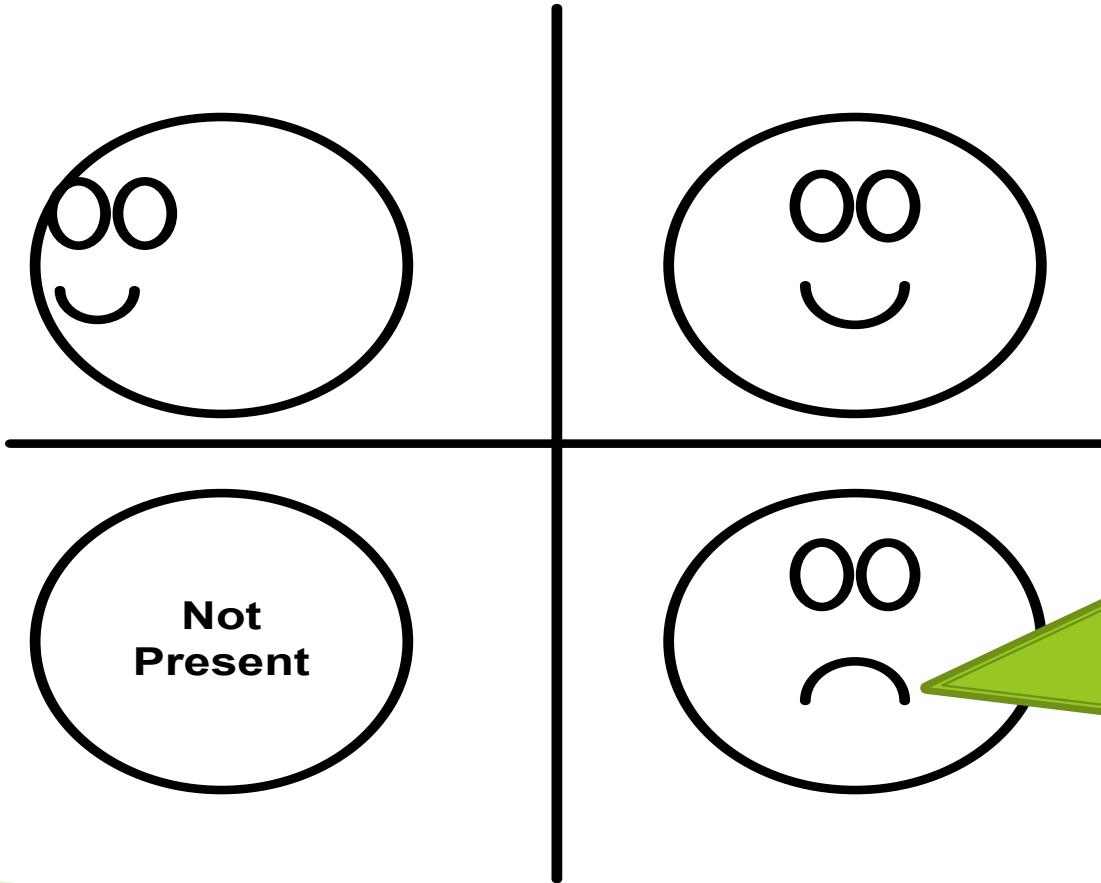
I love you. Let me show you what I want.

Hum-hum -
hum





Crickets



I don't trust you to do anything right. You always disappoint me!

The Parent and Child Relationship...


- ▶ can influence your relationship with God and the way you parent your children.

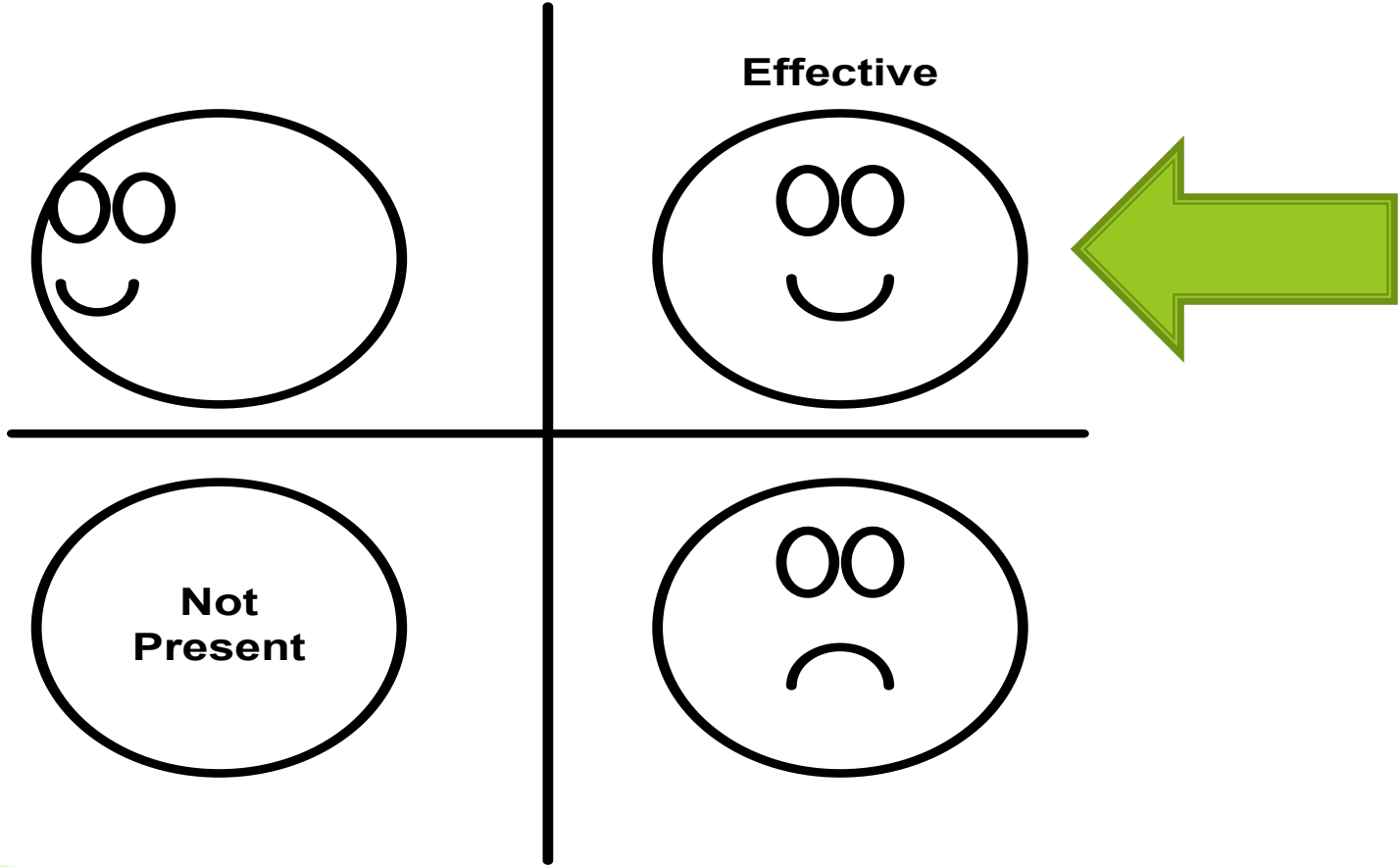
You Might View God...



You may see God as an
Effective Parent.


“He loves and accepts me. He teaches me right from wrong and holds me accountable.”





God is an **Effective** Parent!

*“For the Lord **DISCIPLINES** those
He **LOVES**, and He **PUNISHES**
those He **ACCEPTS** as His
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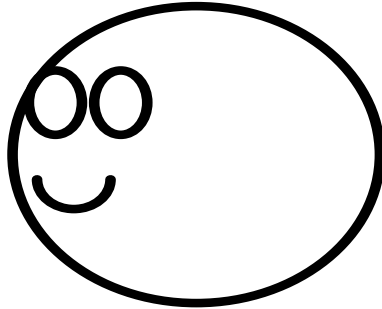


You may see God as a
Permissive Parent.

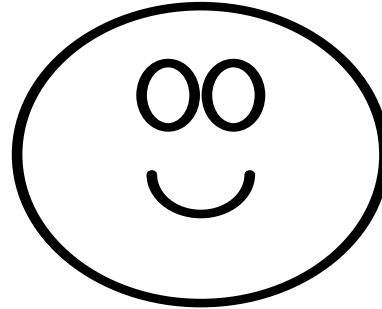
*“He loves me and doesn’t care if
I’m disobedient.”*



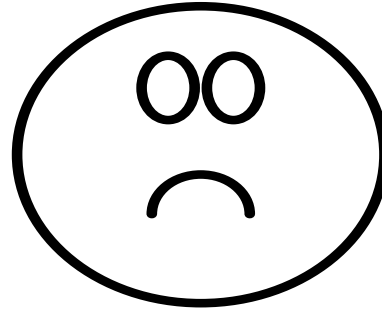
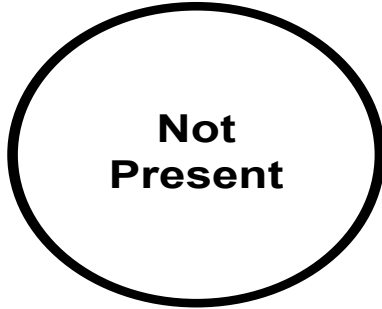
Permissive



Effective



**Not
Present**




God is an *Effective* Parent!

“If God doesn’t discipline you as He does all of His children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really His children after all.”

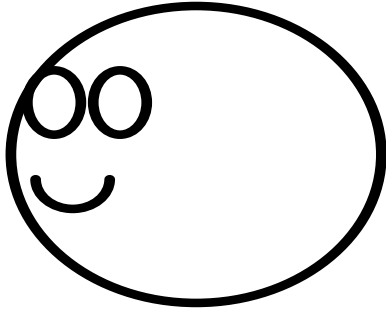
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You may see God as a
Neglectful Parent.

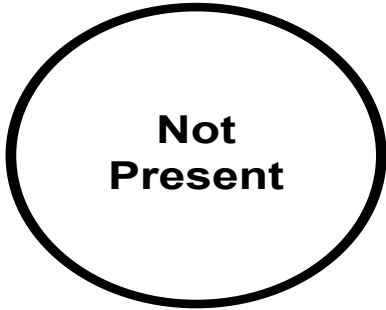
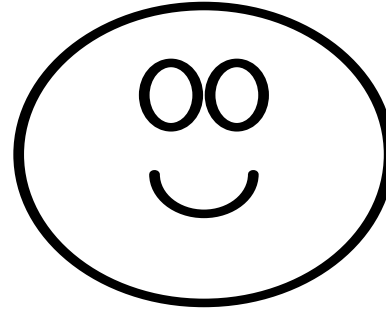
“Where is God? He’s too busy to notice me or take care of me. Is He even real?”



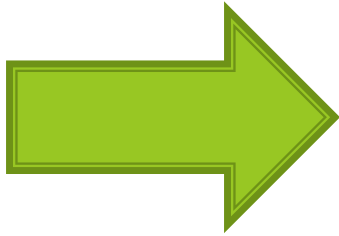
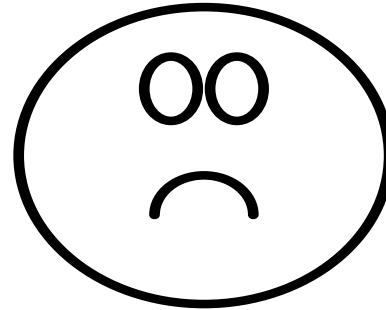
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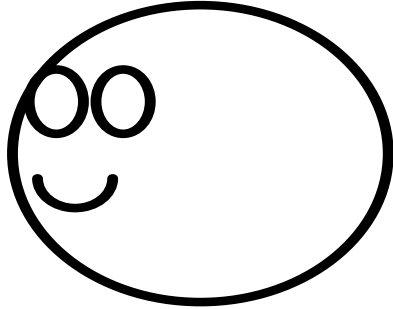
“Not even a sparrow, worth only half a penny, can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are more valuable to him than a whole flock of sparrows.” Matthew 10:29–31 (NLT)

You may see God as a
Controlling Parent.

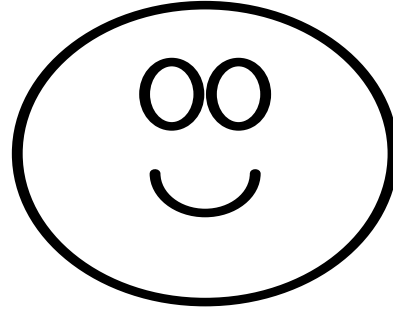
“I’ll never be good enough for God to accept me. He’s ready to hit me if I mess up.”



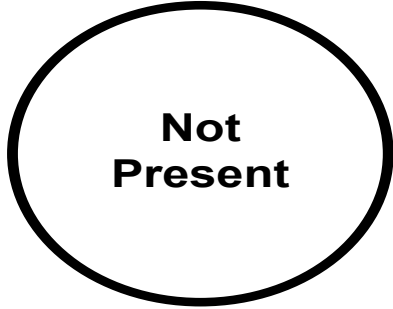
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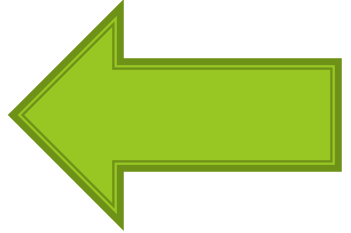
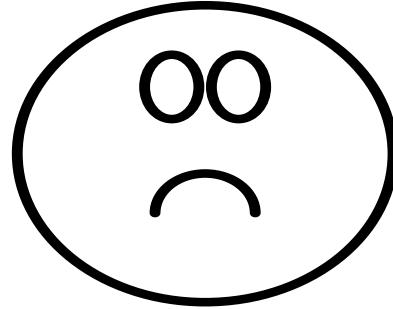


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God is an **Effective** Parent!

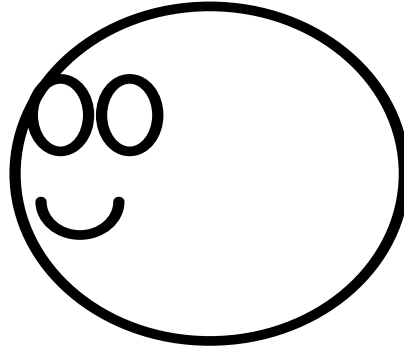
“So you should not be like cowering, fearful slaves. You should behave instead like God’s very own children, adopted into His family – calling him ‘Father, dear Father.’ For His Holy Spirit speaks to us deep in our hearts and tells us that we are God’s children.”

Romans 8:15–16 (NLT)

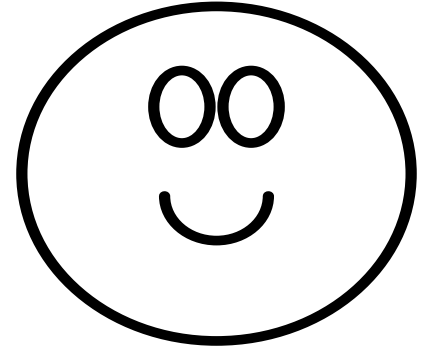
Which of
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describes
how **YOU**
see **God**?

FACES OF PARENTING

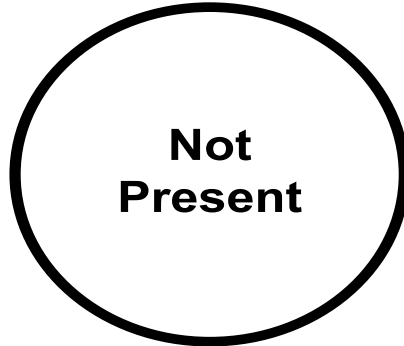
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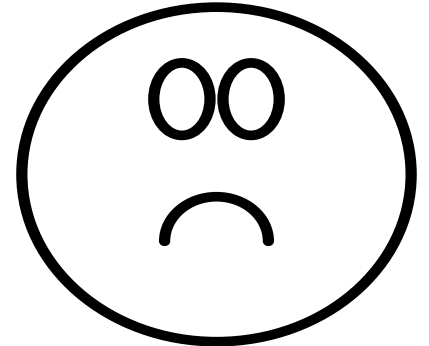


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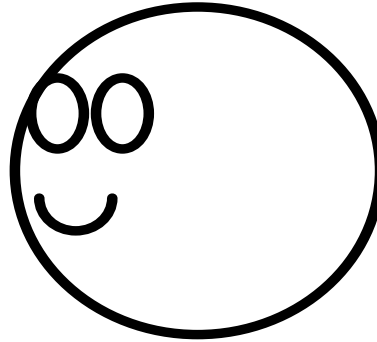


Your Parenting Affects Your Children.

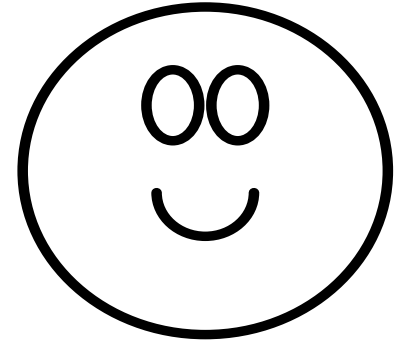
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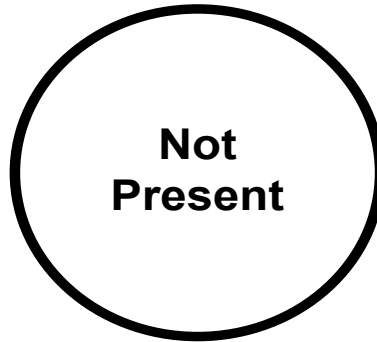
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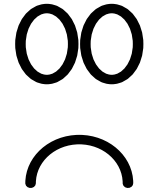
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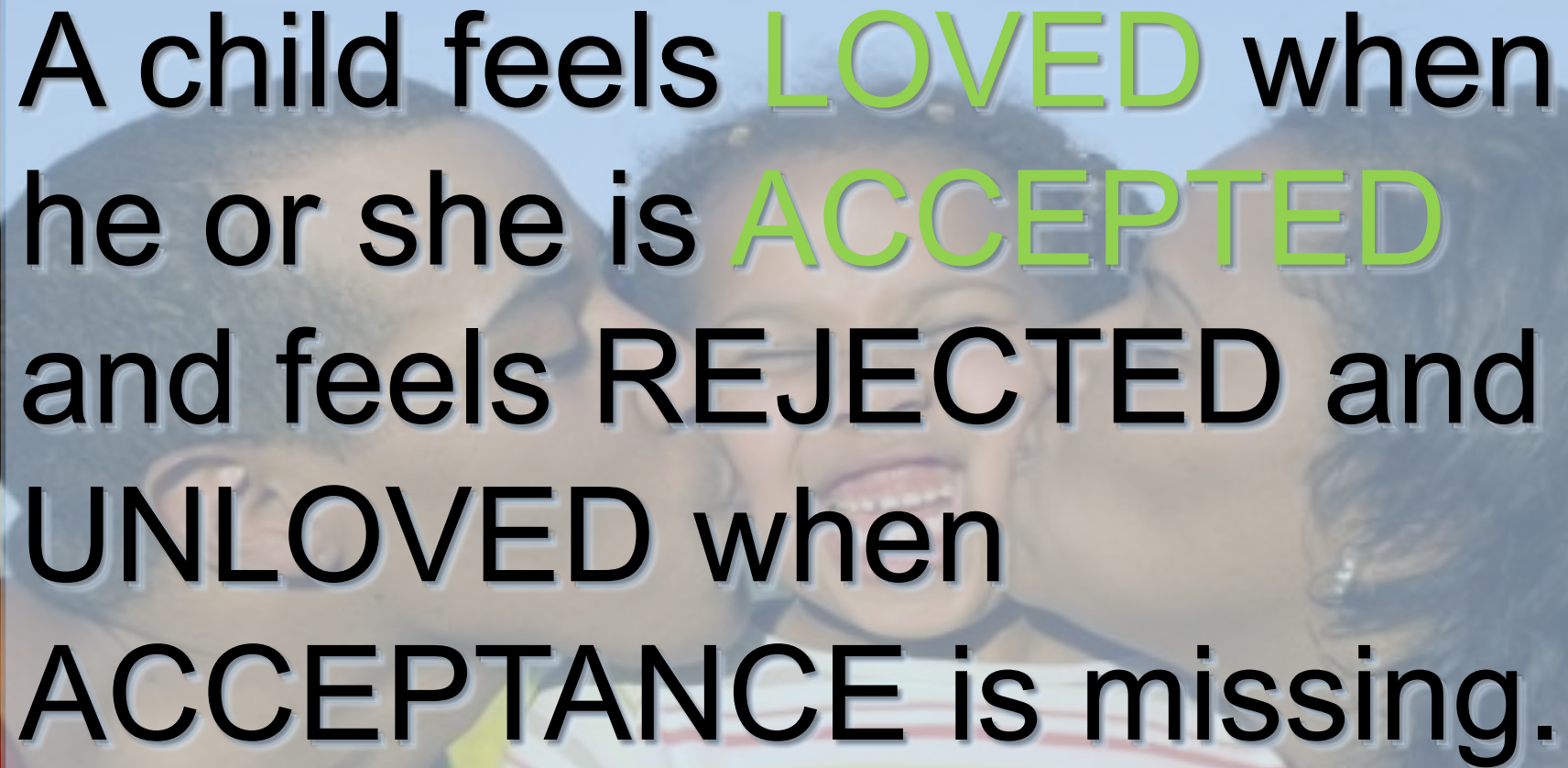
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Controlling

A blurred background image of a family of four smiling together. The father is on the left, the mother is on the right, and two children are in the center. The text is overlaid on this image.

A child feels **LOVED** when
he or she is **ACCEPTED**
and feels **REJECTED** and
UNLOVED when
ACCEPTANCE is missing.

Children need to be accepted
REGARDLESS of their
behavior.



Do children need **Accountability**
& **Discipline** as well as
Acceptance?



Of course!

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

Proverbs 19:18 (NLT)

God Places Parents in Authority

*“Children, **OBEY** your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do.”*

Ephesians 6:1 (NLT)



How Can I Gain God's Acceptance?



Wrong View of God

The World's Way

HELLO

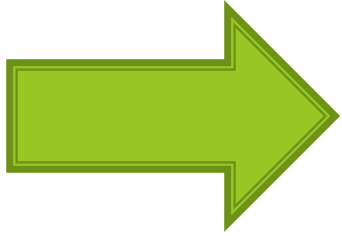
I AM...

BOSS

Authority



CONTROL



Authority
Accountability
Affirmation
Acceptance



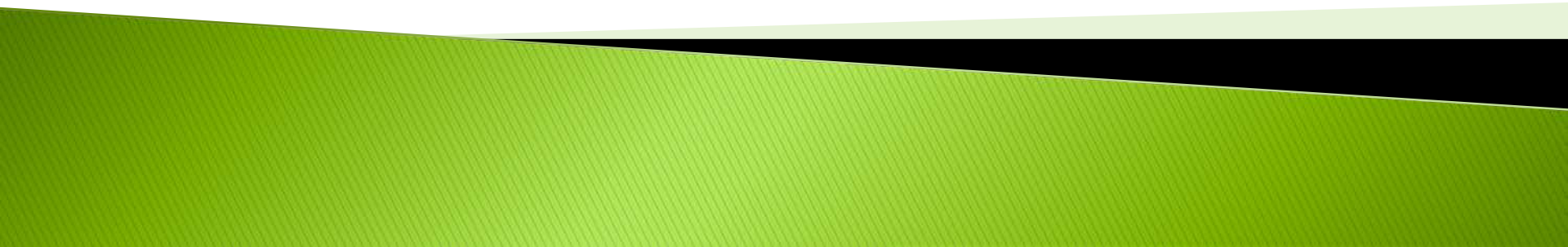
Child Feels Rejected and Unloved.



God's Way



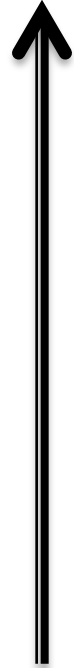
“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” declares the LORD.” Isaiah 55:8 (NASB)



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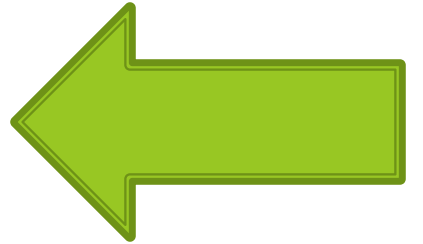
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LOVE

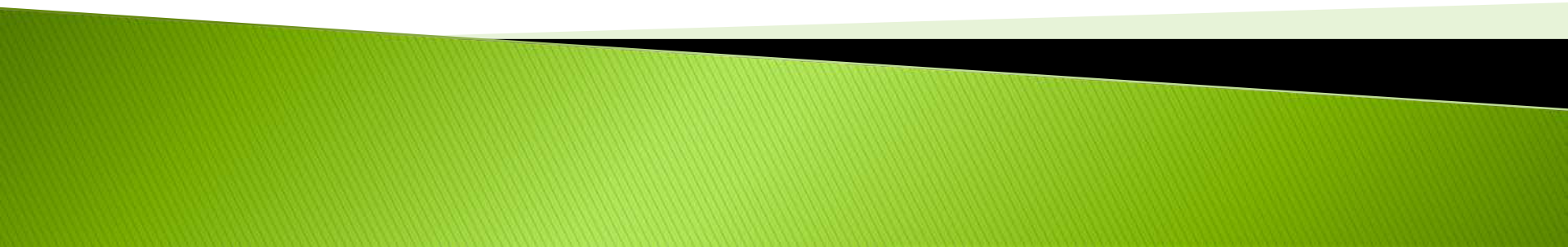


Acceptance



*“We have the free gift of being
ACCEPTED by God, even though
we are guilty of many sins.”*

Romans 5:16 (NLT)

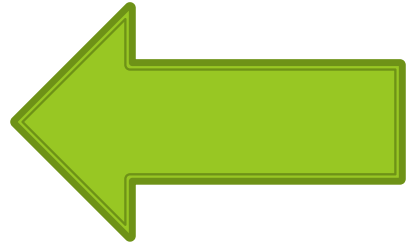


You Are Accepted Because...


“For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.”

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)

Affirmation
Acceptance




“And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love really is...”



“May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. Then you will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God.”


Ephesians 3:18–19 (NLT)



Quiet your thoughts and listen.

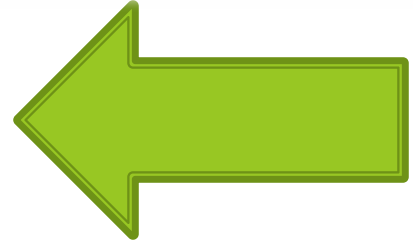


*“For His Holy Spirit **SPEAKS** to us deep in our hearts and **TELLS** us that we are God’s children.” Romans 8:16 (NLT)*



Shows you things to start doing and
stop doing.

Accountability
Affirmation
Acceptance

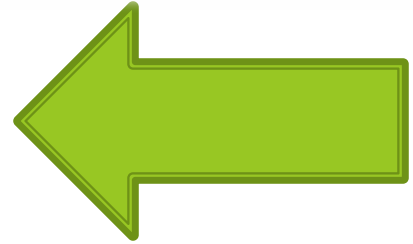


*“You must display a new nature
BECAUSE you are a new person,
created in God’s likeness—
righteous, holy, and true.”*

Ephesians 4:24 (NLT)

Training, disciplining and holding
you responsible for your behavior.


Accountability
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Bad Choices Hurt You!


*“For the Lord **DISCIPLINES**
those He **LOVES**, and He
PUNISHES those He **ACCEPTS**
as His children...”*



*“As you endure this **divine discipline**, remember that God is treating you as His own children. Whoever heard of a child who was never disciplined?” Hebrews 12:6-7 (NLT)*


*“Happy are those whom You
discipline, LORD, and those whom
You **teach** from Your law.”*

Psalm 94:12 (NLT)




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God Made You – He Has the Right to Tell You What to Do

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Romans 8:15 (NLT)

World's Way vs God's Way

CONTROL



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LOVE



“What can we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?...”

Romans 8:31 (NLT)



The 4 A's in Parenting

CONTROL



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Child feels unloved. (Rebels or Performs)

PERFORMANCE BASED ACCEPTANCE

Control gets results but your child will believe your love is conditional.

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Romans 5:8 (NLT)



Control vs Love

Child feels loved.




Child feels unloved.


Child Feels Loved



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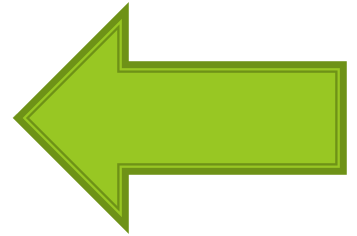


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Permissive Parents

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Neglectful Parents



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NEED ACCEPTANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY

“If you refuse to discipline your children, it proves you don’t love them; if you love your children, you will be prompt to discipline them.” Proverbs 13:24 (NLT)



First **Accept** Them:

- Recognize God accepts them.
- Acknowledge they are the children God gave you.
- Remember you DO love them.
- Thank God for your children.

Next **Affirm** Them:



- Speak kind words to them.
- Hug and kiss them.
- Hold them.
- Spend time with them.
- Speak about them positively.
- Listen to them.


DEMONSTRATE YOUR LOVE

*“But God **demonstrates** His own love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8 (NASB)*

ACTION STEPS -

If you have had a wrong view of God, ask Him to help you see Him the way He really is.

Ask God to help you love your children the way He loves them – with acceptance first.






Group Discussion Time



IN OUR NEXT CLASS –

- Why **ACCOUNTABILITY** is so important
 - What appropriate **ACCOUNTABILITY** looks like
 - The **Growing Up Graph**
 - Balanced Parental Control
 - The Emotional “Red Warning Flags”
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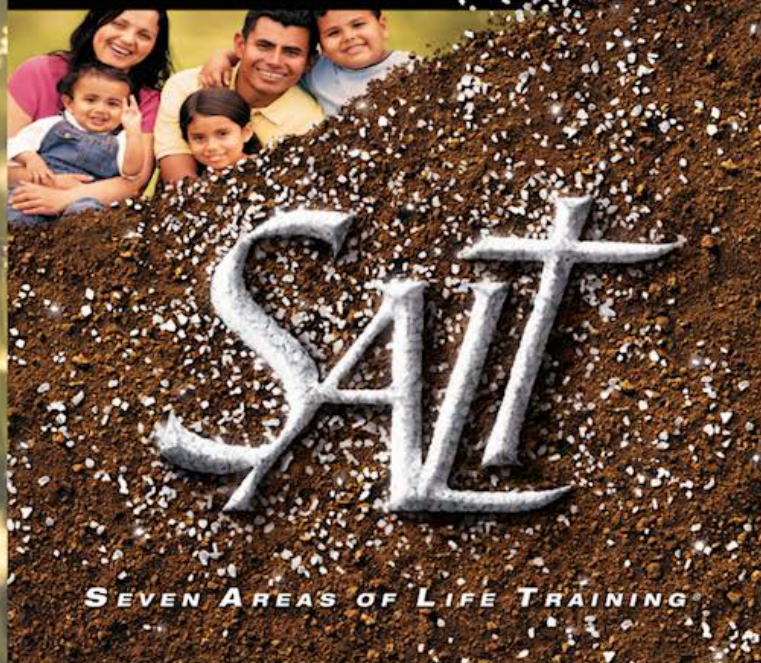
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Generational Curses List

Abandonment
Abortion
Abuse – (Substance, Emotional, Physical, Mental, Verbal, Sexual)
Accidents – (Car, physical injuries)
Addictions – (Alcohol, Cigarettes, Drugs, Pornography, Gambling, TV, Internet, Food, etc.)
Adoption
Adultery
Anger, Rage, Violence
Anxiety
Arguing, Strife
Bitterness
Brutality
Cancer
Competition
Complaining
Confusion
Control, Possessiveness, Manipulation
Covenant Breaker
Covetousness
Cruelty
Deception
Despair
Depression
Dishonoring Parents
Divorce, Separation, Division
Emotional Dependency
Emotional Disorders
False Responsibilities
False Religions
Fears (all kinds)
Fornication
Freemasonry
Frustration, Irritation
Gender Dysphoria/Confusion
Gossip
Grief, Sorrow
Guilt, Shame
Haughtiness
Heaviness
Holding Grudges
Homicidal Tendencies
Homosexuality
Hopelessness
Idolatry
Immorality
Inadequacy
Incest
Independency
Infirmities and Diseases
Irresponsibility
Jealousy, Envy
Judging, Condemning, Faultfinding, Criticism
Laziness
Lying
Man Hating
Mental Disorders/Illnesses (all kinds)
Money Extremes (Greed, Lack, Love)
Not Caring for Children
Parents and children exchange roles
Passivity
Performance Orientation, Failure
Poor Stewardship
Premature Death
Pride, Rebellion, Arrogance
Rejection, Insecurity
Religious Bondage, Cults
Satanism, Witchcraft, Occult
Seduction
Self-Centeredness
Self-Righteousness
Sexual Sin & Perversion
Stealing
Suicide
Superiority
Trauma
Unbelief
Unforgiveness
Unworthiness, Inferiority, Low Self-Esteem
Victim Mentality
Victimization
Women Hating
Workaholic

Breaking the Power of Generational Curses

The scripture tells us in Ex. 20:5 that the sins and iniquities of our ancestors can have influence and affect our lives. "...I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me."

The generational curses can be passed down the bloodline from one generation to the next, because of the sins of our ancestors. These curses are accompanied by demonic spirits who have gained access into your bloodline as a result of actions or behaviors that were contrary to the word of God. You don't carry any responsibility for their sins but because of them you are suffering the consequences.

Pray the following prayer and ask the Lord to reveal to your mind the sins of your ancestors that have entered your blood line. Then list them in the space provided below.

Dear Heavenly Father, I come before You and as a part of my entire bloodline, I ask You to show me and reveal to my mind all the sins and curses of my ancestors that have entered the bloodline from my father's side and my mother's side and have been passed down to me. I believe that the power of these curses will be broken, their affects will be cancelled today and I will be freed of every demonic spirit that is attached to them. I thank You in advance for what You are going to do in my life this day. In Jesus' name, amen!

I confess and repent of the sins of my ancestors, my parents, and my own sins of _____ and I repent of my anger and resentment against You, God, for allowing this to happen in my life.

I choose from my whole heart to forgive my ancestors and completely release them for the sins and iniquities they have committed, that have opened doors for curses and gave legal right to demonic influence to enter my blood line. I decide not to hold them accountable for the consequences of these sins and their affects on me. I ask You to forgive me Lord for these sins, for yielding to them and the resulting curses. I ask Your forgiveness and on the basis of Your forgiveness, I receive Your forgiveness for involvement in these sins.

I specifically renounce, break and sever all sins and the resulting curses of _____ that have been handed down to me by my ancestors. I break their power from my life, and from the lives of my descendants, through the redemptive work of Christ on the Cross. He became a curse for me so that I can be freed from the curses that these sins have brought on me. I place the Cross of Christ between my ancestors and myself, as a baby in my mother's womb. I command all these sins and all accompanying curses to be halted at the Cross of Jesus Christ, their power be broken, and for freedom and release to flow down from the Cross to that baby in the womb. I renounce and reject any and every way in which Satan may claim ownership of me, through any blood sacrifice or dedication that has been made in my blood line. I belong to Jesus who purchased me with His own blood. By the power and authority that I have in Jesus Christ, I now cancel every ancestral curse in my blood line and I command all the demonic spirits that have gained access through these sins and curses to leave now and go to a dry and arid place. I receive God's freedom from these sins and from the resulting curses. I receive....(see the **Opposites of Generational Curses**) Thank you Father that from this day forward all the generational curses are null and void, the roots have been pulled out and new seeds have been planted. I pray this in the power and authority in Jesus' name. Amen!

Opposites of Generational Curses

Called from the womb; Chosen, Approved, Consecrated and set apart; Called by name; Belonging to Him; Chosen to stand in His presence; Called by His grace; Adopted as His child; Corrected and disciplined by Him with love.

Good trustee; Worthy Steward; Responsible;

Well-balanced mind; Confidence in God; Secured and protected in Him; Bold; Courageous heart;

Called to peace; Peacemaker; Slow to anger; Ruled by His peace; Filled with the Holy Spirit

Knowing and understanding the truth; Obedient; Submissive attitude; Good follower; Teachable spirit

Spirit led; Spirit filled; God fearing

Chosen, Holy and dearly loved; Predestined according His plan; Precious to Him; Worthy

Submission to God's plan; God trusting

Washed; Cleansed; Sanctified; Original Identity; Accepted; Received

Quick to forgive; Kind and gentle; Full with love

Humble; God dependant; Transparent

Confidence in God; Faith filled; Accepted; Successful;

Divine health; Whole; Mentally strong and stable; Healed; Sorrow free; Emotionally healed

Really & unquestionably free; Oppression free; Freed from captivity;

Mind of Christ; Sound mind; Calm and undisturbed mind; Joy unspeakable; Grief & Depression free

Pure; Holy; Clean; Spotless; Innocent; Blameless; Guilt & Shame free; Self-control

Spirit filled; God chaser; Obedient; True spiritual worshipper;

Overcomer; Overflowing with hope; Victor; Full with joy & peace;