

Fact-Based Parenting

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Post-Modern Parenting Methods

Feeling-Based Parenting

Main Idea:

The Family Revolves Around Baby

The Motto:

*Baby, Baby, Baby, Baby, Baby, Baby, Baby (etc.) -
Baby-bonding, Baby-breastfeeding, Baby-wearing, Baby-bed-sharing,
Baby-preservation-from-all-forms-of-abusive-Biblical-non-baby-centric-
parenting-techniques*

The End Goal:

*The long-range vision of Attachment Parenting is to raise children who
will become adults with a highly developed capacity for empathy and
connection. It eliminates violence as a means for raising children, and
ultimately helps to prevent violence in society as a whole.*

(www.attachmentparenting.org)

The Biblical Parenting Method

Fact-Based Parenting

The Main Idea:

The Family Revolves Around Jesus.

The Motto:

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus (etc.)

- Baby is consecrated unto Jesus, for the Glory of Jesus - Baby is brought into a family and taught how to make Jesus her center, her everything, and her all in all - Baby is trained that she is dearly loved but, loved so much, that she cannot be made the center, cannot be put in charge of the daily schedule, and cannot be the one determining the family's agenda for the day. Baby is lovingly and tenderly informed that the center position of her family was already taken when she arrived. It belongs exclusively to Jesus Christ.

The End Goal:

To train up a child who fears and loves God with all their heart soul mind and strength. A child who is fully given to the purposes of her rightful King Jesus. Her body is surrendered, her life bequeathed, and her future consecrated. The end goal of Biblical parenting is the formation of a life fully yielded to the Person of Jesus Christ, controlled by the Spirit of God, and governed by an immovable and steadfast passion for God's Word.

Compare the End Goals:

Post-Modern Parenting - To prevent violence

Biblical Parenting - to crown Jesus King, to bring Him glory

Dangers of The Post-Modern Parenting Methods

- The Challenge to Authority (Who's really in Charge of the Home?)
- The Violation of Jurisdiction (Whose Responsibility is it to make these Decisions?)
- The Absence of Training and Correction (Who's training who?)

Dangers of Post-Modern Christianity

- The Challenge to Authority (Who's really in charge of defining Truth?)

- The Violation of Jurisdiction (Whose Responsibility is it to judge matters in the Church?)
- The Absence of Training and Correction (Who's training who?)

The Simple Rule of Children

Without outward governance they will grow up to be cowardly, sluggardly, lying, idiotic, perverted, adulterers.

The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself brings his mother to shame.

Proverbs 29:15

A Childlike Awakening

I'm not just a beautiful, slobbering, squishy-cheeked pile of perfect.

Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

Proverbs 22:15

We ARE That Child

Christianity is not first and foremost about Parenting; it's about being trained properly as little Children.

Otherly

We Must Realize our Imperfection and Behold His Blazing Perfection.

No other gods, no idols - nothing can be placed above God, nothing can be given greater place, greater value, greater time, greater emphasis . . . even for a moment.

No vain use of His Name - never is it allowed to bear His Holy Name poorly, to call yourself by His Name and then profane it in a mediocre life - a word spoken, a word unspoken, an action committed, an action uncommitted.

Seeing the Discrepancy

between what I esteem and what I actually am

Jesus is Always Brave . . . I am not.

Meanwhile (gulp), I am in a daily fight with an **inner coward**. There seems to be a very large resistance toward any form of self-risk, self-exposure, or self-debasement. And, there is a constant beckoning from someone, or something within me, to justify a limp-wristed response to every Gospel opportunity. I esteem crossing the 38th Parallel into North Korea, but there is an inner coward that, if not daily **addressed**, would block my forward movement.

Jesus is Always the Energetic Athlete . . . I am not

Meanwhile (gulp), I am in a daily fight with an **inner sluggard**. There seems to be a strong yearning, from someone, or something within me, to tune out God's Spirit, and tune in the world's noise. There seems to be a constant voice shouting for me to inject soul-Novocain into my spiritual bloodstream and sleep a little - take the night off. I esteem the always energetic, always fully-offered version of Christianity, but there is an inner sluggard that, if not daily **addressed**, would block my forward movement.

Jesus is Always the Truth . . . I am not

Meanwhile (gulp), I am in a daily fight with an **inner liar**. There seems to be a smooth talking lawyer within my body that is constantly appealing to my inner man to manipulate and strategically direct the good opinion of the crowd around me. In every conversation he beckons me to move the Truth around to best fit my ends, to avoid saying some things, and to strategically add in various notions that would work to create

greater esteem for yours truly. I esteem Truth and want it at all costs, but there is an inner liar who loves aggrandizement, applause, and approval, that if not daily **addressed**, would block my forward movement.

Jesus is Always Righteous . . . I am not

Meanwhile (gulp), I am in a daily fight with an **inner idiot**. There seems to be a propensity towards stupidity within my body that is constantly beckoning me to do that which I know is not right. I esteem righteousness and yearn to show honor and worship to my Jesus with every moment of my life, but there is an inner idiot, that if not daily **addressed**, would block my forward movement.

Jesus is Always Pure . . . I am not

Jesus is Perfectly Faithful . . . I am not

Is There Salvation from the Inner-coward, sluggard, liar, idiot, pervert, and adulterer?

Principle of Flight:

Though I can't abolish gravity, I can live after a higher law and trust a plane to fly for me.

Principle of Christian Triumph:

Though my Inner-coward, sluggard, liar, idiot, pervert, and adulterer are still there knocking, pleading, and begging, I can see them silenced, and I can live deaf unto their pleas and immune to their disease by trusting Jesus to live in me.

The Miracle of Moment-by-Moment Christianity

Graying them Out

Salvation

The Otherly-One interceding for The Weak One

For it is God which works in you both **to will** and **to do** of His good pleasure.

Philippians 2:13

The Art of Discipline

I love you too much to allow that behavior to go overlooked.

The Wiggles

Let up for a minute and out come the shenanigans

Dub and His Sleeping

The curiosity is simply too strong. (i.e. - The inner rascal is just too much.)

What About Daddy?

Let up for a minute and out come the shenanigans.

The Rule vs. The Feeling

At 4:30 am, which one should I consult?

The Command of the Body

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. But **I**

discipline my body and bring it into subjection,

lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

I discipline my body and bring it into subjection . . .

1 Corinthians 9:27

I discipline my body . . .

hypōpiazō - hü-pō-pē-ä'-zō

to beat black and blue - like a boxer buffets his body, handling it roughly, disciplining it by hardships

bring it into subjection . . .

doulagōgeō - dü-lä-gō-ge'-ō

to make a slave and to treat as a slave (i.e. with severity, subjecting it to stern and rigid discipline)

Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

Proverbs 22:15

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou strike him with the rod, he shall not die.

Proverbs 23:13

“That if Not Daily Addressed”

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Let's Be a Bit More Blunt

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How Does God Rule His House?

One that rules well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity.

1 Timothy 3:4

This is True about God, but . . .

Is it true about how you rule your body?

I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. **For just**
as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of
lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, **SO NOW** present your
members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.

Romans 6:19

We have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect.

Shall we not much more readily **be in subjection to the**

Father of spirits and live?

Hebrews 12:9