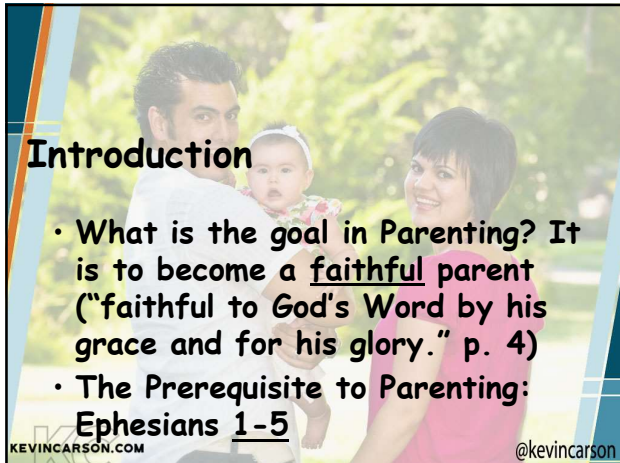


Introduction

- The Challenge of Parenting Today: 2 Timothy 3:1-5a, 13
- The Comfort to Parents Today: 2 Timothy 3:14-15, 16-17 (God & His Word Are Sufficient)

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Introduction

- What is the goal in Parenting? It is to become a faithful parent ("faithful to God's Word by his grace and for his glory." p. 4)
- The Prerequisite to Parenting: Ephesians 1-5

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1. Parents must love their children with Christlike love.

A. The Importance of Christlike love, practical care, and involvement.

B. The Importance of Relationship-building

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2. Your Attitude

A. The Impatient Parent

1. Why me?
2. I have a right to a problem free child
3. Child has no right to bother me
4. Forgets the child needs to be brought up or trained

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B. The Passive Parent

1. It is no big deal, it's just a passing stage
2. My child would never do that
3. It may be wrong but it sure is cute!
4. He is too young to learn
5. I don't know what I will do

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C. The Biblical Parent

1. God uses trials - James 1:2-4
2. Let God continue His work in you toward the goal - Romans 8:28-29
3. Seek wisdom - James 1:5

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3. Your Charge from God

A. To fathers - Eph 6:1-4 (actually includes both)

B. Why single dads out?

1. Because dads tend to be neglectful of responsibilities
2. Because dads tend to be timid about parenting
3. Because dad is accountable to God

Doctrine of Headship

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4. Parent's Goal: Bring them up

A. Exegesis

1. Active voice indicates continual action - on-going activity! You bring them up.
 - a. Not passive: "be brought up"
 - b. Not middle: "bring yourselves up"

Consistent with Rom 5:12; Prov 22:6,15

2. Present tense: continuing action
3. Imperative mode: a command
4. Goal: active, not passive

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B. Proverbs 22:6

Proverbs 22:6 does not mean that if you punch the right buttons you will automatically have the right product. Generally good parenting results in good children; further, bad parenting results in bad children. But each child has an active heart!

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C. Can God bless your goal?

1. He only has one model!
2. Is He your model?
 Isaiah 52:13 "Behold, my servant."
 Luke 2:50-52 "He was in submission."
 Luke 19:10 "He was a missionary."
 - Gal 5:22-23

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5. Issues that complicate parenting

- A. Do not exasperate child to wrathful lifestyle
- B. Failure to solve problems between mom/dad.
- C. Inconsistencies in parents - say one thing, do another!
- D. Failure to establish and build relationship
- E. Inconsistencies in discipline

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**Faithful Biblical Parenting:
The Goal**

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