

HOW TO INFLUENCE YOUR FAMILY

The 8 Secrets of Influencing the heart

- M**odeling
- O**pen Communication
- T**ime
- I**ntimacy
- V**ision
- A**ffirmation
- T**raining
- E**ntrust

Training

THE LAW OF TRAINING:

Proper training results in transformation.

Proverbs 22:6 - Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Training

- Training involves teaching. Teaching isn't necessarily training.
- Training is discipleship. "Christ-likeness"
- Training involves habit formation and internalizing values.
- Training requires practice, patience, and perseverance.

Training

- Avoid comparison
- Adjust your style
- Stricter when younger, loosen up as they grow older

Guidelines for Training

AGE

0 - 4 yrs old

obey, wait, no

4 -12 yrs old

obey + values + identity

13 and up

obey + values + identity +
convictions + apologetics

Teach and Train them about:

- **Identity**
- **Family**
- **Friend**
- **Marriage**
- **World**
- **God**
- **Why we believe what we believe**

Identity

- **God sees them as special (Psalm 139:14)**
- **God has a wonderful plan for them (Jeremiah 29:11)**
- **God wants them to be responsible for their choices (Galatians 6:7)**

Identity

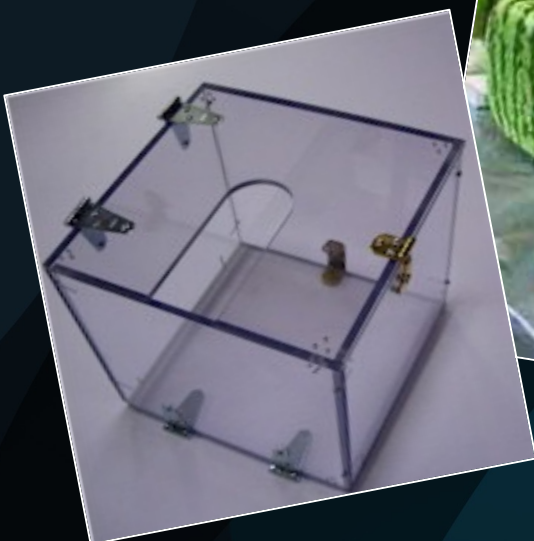
- **They are to develop God-confidence and not self-confidence (Philippians 4:13)**
- **They must find significance, value, and security in Christ. [Colossians 1]**
- **God wants them to be thankful (1 Thessalonians 5:18)**

Family - Be Thankful “ unchangeable”

- **Parents**
- **Brothers and sisters**
- **Birth order**
- **Race**
- **Gender**
- **Time in history**

About the World

- The world will try to influence them.
- Romans 12: 2 “ Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what the will of God is , that which is good and perfect.”



21st Century Landmines

- Entitlement
- Immediatism
- Victim mentality
- Pornography
- Addiction to drugs
- Addiction to social media / games
- Blurring of truth

PORNOGRAPHY

Total Porn videos on ALL sites
watched in 1 DAY!

17,291,480,548 (B)

CONVICTIONS

- God's word – bible
- Marriage
- Sex
- Purity
- Drugs
- Pornography
- Computer games
- Social media

About Friends

Their friends will either positively or negatively influence them.

1 Corinthians 15:33 – Do not be deceived: Bad company corrupts good morals.

About Friends

They are to choose their friends.

Proverbs 13:20 - He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

About Friends

It is impractical to have a boy friend or girl friend early (high school or college) until they are ready to get married.

Five Freedoms

- **Freedom from distraction**
- **Freedom from unnecessary pain**
- **Freedom from isolation**
- **Freedom to develop God's gift and pursue God's will**
- **Freedom from immorality and its consequences**

Marriage

- **Teach and train them early about marriage**
- **Do not be unequally yoked**
- **Be the right person first**
- **Set your standards and qualities**

Marriage

- Be prayerful
- Guard your heart
- Guard your purity
- Get parental blessings

**“God’s will + God’s time + God’s way”
= God’s best”**

CAROLYN’S N³E
NOT NOW NOT EVER

Make up my mind not to do something
Ex: Daniel, job

My N²E list: Not going to do it now, not going to do it ever!

1. Not going to have premarital sex
2. " " " become drunk
3. " " " do drugs
4. " " " smoke
5. " " " say bad words, or think them
6. Kiss before my wedding day.
7. ~~to~~ will not divorce ever
8. Have an adulterous relationship
9. Rebel against my parents or God
10. Not lock on the attitudes of a person ^{only} but will look at their
11. Not say a slanderous word
12. Take any glory for myself because it belongs to God alone.
13. Condemn myself or any one else / judge because I have been forgiven
14. Abuse God's grace.
15. Pick my zits
16. Not lie
17. Not put myself or others above God.
18. ~~to~~ Not place up idols for myself. ^{or look or read} eg. sports, school, family, talents.
19. I will not watch any pornographic material,
20. Not entertain bad, wrong, sinful, lustful or unpleasing to God thoughts.



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The 8 Secrets of Influencing the heart

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Entrust to God

THE LAW OF ENTRUST:

To entrust is to pray .

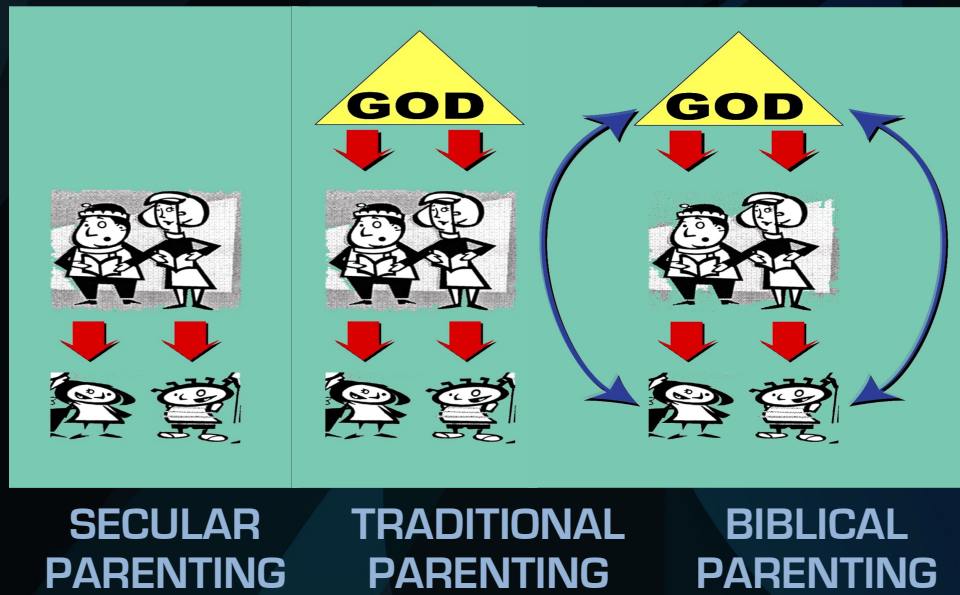
Only God can transform the heart of our children.

Ezekiel 36:26 - I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Entrust to God

“When we work, we work;
when we pray God works.”

The God Factor



VIDEO – ELIJAH & EDAN

Why we believe the Bible and Jesus

- ✓ **Bibliographical test**
- ✓ **Internal test**
- ✓ **External test**
- ✓ **Archeology**
- ✓ **Prophecy**
- ✓ **Israel**
- ✓ **Jesus Christ**

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL TEST

Was it copied and transmitted accurately?

Time interval between the original and the earliest copy

How many manuscript copies are available ?

Were the documents written close enough to the actual historical event?

Bibliographical Test - Tests of Canonicity

- a. Authoritative - apostles?
- b. Eye witness account ?
- c. Consistent ?
- d. Any factual errors
- e. Date of writings ?
- f. Recognized and received by early church fathers?

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL TEST

BOOK	AUTHOR	DATE WRITTEN	1 ST COPY	TIME SPAN	# OF MSS
History	Pliny	61-113 AD	850 AD	750 yrs	7
Annals	Tacitus	90 AD	900 AD	900 yrs	1
Republic	Plato	427-347 BC	900 AD	1200 yrs	7
Metaphysics	Aristotle	384-322 BC	1100 AD	1400 yrs	49
Gallic Wars	Caesar	58-50 BC	956 AD	1000 yrs	10
History	Herodotus	480-425 BC	900 AD	1400 yrs	8
New Testament		48-80 AD	130 AD	80 yrs	24,633



INTERNAL TEST

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Determines whether or not the document, as a written record, is credible by analyzing the ability of the writer/s or the witness to tell the truth

1 JOHN 1:1

What was from the beginning, what we have *heard*, what we have *seen* with our eyes, what we have *looked at* and *touched* with our hands, concerning the Word of Life—



EXTERNAL TEST

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Are the individuals, places, and events mentioned confirmed by history and archaeology?

The Old and New Testament mentions specific individuals, places, and various official titles of local authorities confirmed by archaeology

Secular and extra-biblical sources refer to Jesus and early Christians. Outside the biblical text are historians who wrote about Jesus and His followers.

SECULAR SOURCES: JOSEPHUS

“At that time there was a wise man who was called Jesus... Pilate ordered Him to be condemned and to die. And those who had become His disciples did not abandon His discipleship. **They reported that He had appeared to them three days after His crucifixion and that He was alive.**”

SECULAR SOURCES: **TACITUS**

Greatest historian Roman empire

“**Christus**, from whom they got their name, had been **executed** by sentence of the procurator **Pontius Pilate** when **Tiberius** was emperor; and the pernicious superstition was checked for a short time, only to break out afresh...”

SECULAR SOURCES: **PLINY**

“...they were in the habit of meeting on a certain fixed day before it was light, when they sang an anthem **to Christ as God**, and bound themselves by a solemn oath not to commit any wicked deed, but to abstain from all fraud, theft and adultery, never to break their word...”



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All archaeological discoveries do not dispute the Bible. All archeological discoveries support the Bible.

Artifacts discovered support the names, events, and people described in the Bible

The Bible's accurate portrayal of the crucifixion has been confirmed by archaeology

GENESIS 14:8

And the king of **Sodom** and the king of **Gomorrah** and the king of **Admah** and the king of **Zeboiim** and the king of **Bela** (that is, Zoar) came out; and they arrayed for battle against them in the valley of Siddim



EBLA TABLET



DEAD SEA SCROLLS



PROPHECY

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ISAIAH 46:9-10

⁹ ... For I am God, and there is no other;

I am God, and there is no one like Me,

¹⁰ Declaring the end from the beginning,

And from ancient times things which have not been done,

Saying, 'My plan will be established,

And I will accomplish all My good pleasure';

DANIEL 8:20-22

²⁰"The ram which you saw with the two horns represents the kings of **Media and Persia**. ²¹"And the shaggy goat represents the kingdom of **Greece**, and the large horn that is between his eyes is the first king. ²²"And the broken horn and the **four horns** that arose in its place represent **four kingdoms** which will arise from his nation, although not with his power.

DANIEL 11:3-4

³ "And a mighty king will arise, and he will rule with great authority and do as he pleases. ⁴"But as soon as he has arisen, his kingdom will be broken up and parceled out toward the **four points** of the compass, though **not to his own descendants**, nor according to **his authority** which he wielded; for **his sovereignty will be uprooted** and given to others besides them.

4 GENERALS OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT



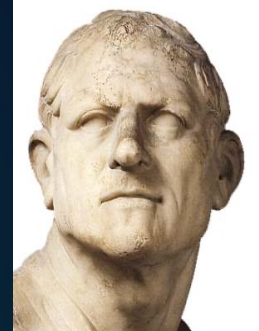
SELEUCUS
Syria



PTOLEMY
Egypt



CASSANDER
Greece



LYSIMACHUS
Asia Minor



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EZEKIEL 36:24, 30, 33, 37

24 I will take you from the nations...and bring you to your own land...

30 I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field...

33 I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places will be rebuilt...

37 I will increase their men like a flock...

ISRAEL

EZEKIEL 36:34-35

³⁴ The desolate land will be cultivated instead of being a desolation in the sight of everyone who passes by. ³⁵ They will say, ‘This desolate land has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste, desolate and ruined cities are fortified and inhabited.’

ISRAEL

ISAIAH 66:8

“Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Can a land be born in one day? Can a nation be brought forth all at once?”

JESUS CHRIST

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Prophecies about Jesus Christ

	Old Testament	New Testament
Born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Luke 2:4
Born of a virgin	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:22-23
Descendant of David	2 Samuel 7:11-16	Matthew 1:1
Betrayed for 30 pieces of silver	Zechariah 11:12	Matthew 26:15
Crucified, pierced	Psalms 22:16	Matthew 27:35
Divided his garments	Psalms 22:18	Matthew 27:35
Buried in a rich man's tomb	Isaiah 53:9	Matthew 27:57-60
Resurrected	Psalms 16:10	Matthew 28

Death & Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:3-8 - ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins...⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day...⁵ and that **He appeared** to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ After that He **appeared to more than five hundred** brethren at one time... ⁷ then **He appeared** to James, then to all the apostles; ⁸ and last of all, as to one untimely born, **He appeared** to me also.

RESURRECTION

1 CORINTHIANS 15:14

and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:17-19

¹⁷ and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.

¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

¹⁹ If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.



Sir Lionel Luckhoo

Most successful attorney according to the Guinness Book of World Record, with 245 consecutive murder acquittals

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"I say unequivocally that the evidence for the resurrection of Jesus Christ is so overwhelming that it compels acceptance by proof which leaves absolutely no room for doubt."



Simon Greenleaf

Authored the classic *A Treatise on the Law of Evidence*

Royal Professor of Law at Harvard

Succeeded Justice Joseph Story as the Dane Professor of Law

Importance of the Resurrection

“The resurrection is one of the best documented events in the history of man.”

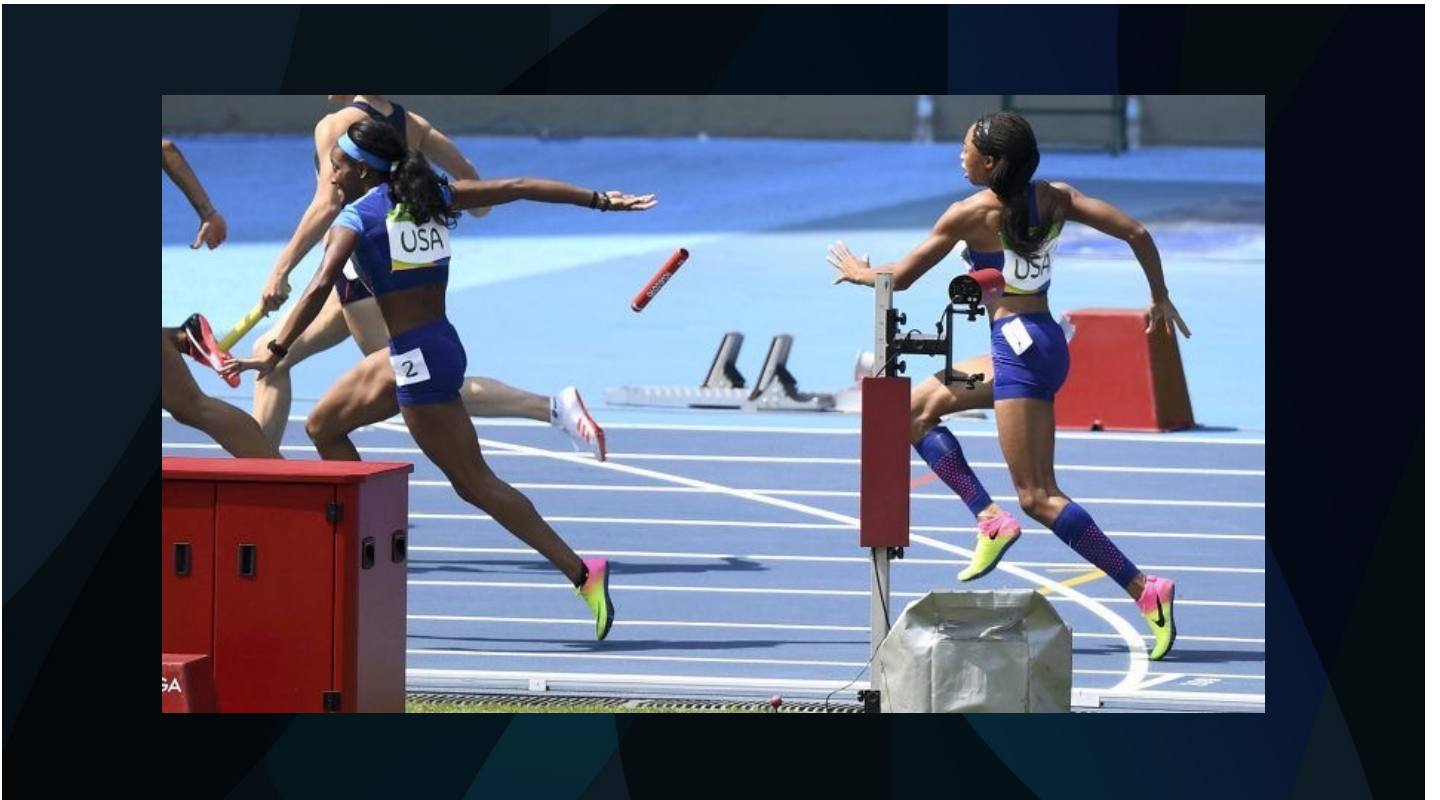
TIM KELLER

If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; **the issue is not whether you like what he said or not; it is not whether you agree or disagree with what he said;** but whether he rose from the dead.
(paraphrased)

C.S. Lewis

“Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.”





END

Advantages of Grandparents

We have better perspective. We can see further.

We are able to replace knowledge with wisdom because of our age and experiences.

We are not intimidated by others. Rich people don't impress us. Powerful people don't intimidate us. Popular people don't make us jealous.

We have a better crap detector. We see dangers ahead. We don't make impulsive decisions.

Advantages of Grandparents

Grandchildren love and accept us.

Grandchildren will remember what we do for them.

Grandchildren are more spiritually receptive to biblical truth when they are still young.

Most grandparents are having custodian responsibilities

Grandparents are providing more financial assistance

Trends in Grandparenting

Grand parenting is usually not taught in churches

Grandparents have tremendous influence over their grandchildren more than youth pastors or Sunday school teachers

Grandparents are being brainwashed into thinking it is a time for leisure and enjoying life

Research and Trends in Grand parenting

Most grandparents are having custodian responsibilities

Grandparents are providing more financial assistance

Most grandparents are assisting in caring for grandchildren

Most grandparents are being forgotten as grandchildren age and families become busy

Principles of Grand parenting

- **Reject the cultural view of old age as undesirable, embrace old age, and live intentionally for Christ.** (Prov 14:15).
- **Future generations have a responsibility to honor grandparents and care for them in their old age.** (Exo 20:12; Prov 23:22; 1 Tim 5:18)

Principles of Grand parenting

- **Reject the narrative that the purpose of old age is a life of leisure and self-indulgence, but rather to serve God and bear fruit.** (Gen 2:15; Ps 92:14-15; Prov 6:6-11; Deut 6:1-2)
- **Older generations are to train younger generations by providing biblical wisdom, guidance, and instruction.** (Titus 2:1-6)

Principles of Grandparenting

- **Live in obedience to God and exhort future generations to do the same while warning them of the consequences of sin. Be a living story worthy of imitation.** (2 Kings 17:41; Ps 103:17; Deut 4:40; Exo 34:6-7)

Joel 1:3

Tell your sons about it, and let your sons tell their sons, and their sons the next generation.

Psalm 145:4

One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

Commandments for Grandparents

1. Thou shall not compete with the parents.
2. Thou shall not contradict the parents in front of thine grandchildren
3. Thou shall not spoil thine grandchildren.
4. Thou shall model Christlikeness.

Commandments for Grandparents

5. Thou shall develop good relationships with your children and grandchildren
6. Thou shall coach the parents intentionally.
7. Thou shall tell stories and teach thine grandchildren intentionally .
8. Thou shall bless and pray for them.

Training

- Training involves modeling , relationships and intentionality.
- Training impacts the heart.
- Adjust your style
- Avoid comparison
- Positive encouragement

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Genesis 48:9

Joseph said to his father, "They are my sons, whom God has given me here." So he said, "Bring them to me, please, that I may bless them."



Proverbs 17:6 - Grandchildren are the crown of old men, and the glory of sons is their fathers.

Proverbs 13:22 - A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, and the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.



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- Law of diminishing return
 - Know the difference between love , lust , infatuation.
 - Parental approval
 - God's timing + God's will + God's way = God's best