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“Child Training: The Biblical Method”

- Two goals of parenting: Godliness and independence
- Objectives of parenting
 - Maturity
 - Self-control (though wisdom and responsibility)
 - Having a child with a strong will to make correct choices
- Methods of parenting
 - Self-control: training of the will of the child
- Application of the method
 - Parent-control must become self-control for the child
 - Instruction must become insight for the child
 - Discipline must become self-discipline for the child
- Four C's of biblical parenting
 - Control, convince, constrain, confirm
- Essential factors of biblical parenting
 - Time/experience with the child (Deut 6:4-9; 20-25)
 - It is going to be hard work
 - Consistency is needed
 - You need to have the heart of your child – they allow you to instruct and guide them (Mal 4:5f; Pro 23:26)
 - By spending time, by putting in the work, by being consistent
 - All problems are heart problems (Matt 12:34)
 - The heart is the center of a person (Pro 4:23; 23:7)
 - The heart is going to be given to someone (1 Peter 2:11)
 - The one who possesses one's heart has life and loyalty