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**“Child Training: Obstacles”**

- Psalm 127 – children are a blessing from God
- Obstacles to overcome
  - Being defensive of our parenting
    - 2 Tim 4:1f – preach the word in season and out
    - Not good to always “hear what we want to hear”
  - Misunderstanding of goals/methods
    - If you don’t know what the job of a parent is, you won’t be a good one
    - Eph 6:4 – there is a proper way to train children: what God has said
    - Titus 2:4 – “love your children” not the instinctive love for a child, but showing love in the way one is raised by raising them correctly
    - Heb 12 – sorrowful experiences/sufferings will teach children character and provide them with greater happiness
    - Not “do” you love your children, but “how” you love your children
  - Misunderstanding of human nature
    - Do not think that children do not learn while they are in their first few years of life
    - By not teaching them, we are teaching them. What are we teaching them at every point in the child’s life?
  - Trust in worldly philosophies
    - People trust in the way their parents raised children, their friends, book, etc. – not the bible
    - The world can put “unreasonable” expectations on the way children are supposed to be raised
    - Col 2:8 – do not trust in worldly philosophies, but in Jesus
      - By doing so we’re saying Jesus is not complete and we have to fill-in the gaps
  - Parental baggage

- Baggage – how we were brought up, spouse brought up, etc.
  - One can deny it, or step back and look at it objectively
- 2 Peter 1:8f – there can be a short-sightedness or far-sighted
- Heb 5:11 – because of their baggage, it made it hard for them to understand