

Parenting with Purpose

Goal for Parenting: Christ-likeness

Galatians 4:19 “My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you”

Colossians 1:28 “Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.”

The Basis for Parenting/ Discipleship

I. Scripture (II Tim. 3:16-17)

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

The Four Main Uses of Scripture

- Doctrine (Teaching)
- Reproof (Conviction)
- Correction
- Instruction in Righteousness (Disciplined Training)

II. Holy Spirit

- He teaches believers all things (Jn 14:26)
- He convicts of sin (Jn 16:8)
- He guides believers into all truth (Jn 16:14)

Both Scripture and the Holy Spirit are needed for Christ-likeness to be formed.

Paul is writing to the churches in Ephesus and Colossae to show them what Christ-likeness looks like in relationships.

Ephesians	Colossians
Eph. 5:19 "Speaking to one another in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord"	Col. 3:16b "Teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."
Relationships	
Eph. 5:22m " Wives , submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord."	Col. 3:18 " Wives , submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord"
Eph. 5:25 " Husbands , love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her."	Col. 3:19 " Husbands , love your wives and do not be bitter toward them."
Eph. 6:1 " Children , obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right."	Col. 3:20 " Children , obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord."
Eph. 6:4a "And you, fathers , do not provoke your children to wrath."	Col. 3:21 " Fathers , do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged."
Eph. 6:5a " Bondservants , be obedient to those who are your masters."	Col. 3:22 " Bondservants , obey in all things your masters"
Eph. 6:9a "And you, masters , do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your Master also is in heaven."	Col. 4:1 " Masters , give your bondservants what is just and fair, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven."
<p>Notice the one difference between the passages.</p> <p>What is the significance?</p>	
Eph. 5:18 "And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the _____."	Col. 3:15a "Let the _____ of Christ dwell in you richly."

Becoming God's Kind of Person

Ephesians 4:17, 22-24 "Walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind," but

1. "**Put off . . . the old man**, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;"
2. "And **be renewed** in the spirit of your mind;"
3. "And . . . **put on the new man**, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."

Instructions: Use the boxes below to help you prayerfully think through a problem that keeps you from being God's kind of person.

The verses quoted above outline the Biblical process of change.

Step 1: Put off the old man—What thought, action, or habit do you need to eliminate from your life if you are to become like Christ? You will need to identify it and repent of it.



Step 3: Put on the new man—What new way of thinking or acting must you now practice with the help of the Holy Spirit if you are to be like Christ?



Step 2: Be renewed in your mind—Write out below the verses that show God's viewpoint about the issues you have identified in Step 1. You must **meditate** upon them in order to have a renewed mind.

Meditate :



Memorize the Passage

Analyze the Passage

Personalize the Passage

Child's Behavior/ Condition	Scripture Passages	Additional References
Anger	Let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God. James 1:19-20	Prov. 14:29 29:11 Eph. 4:26, 31-32 1 Cor. 13:4-5
Argumentation (back talking to parents)	A wise son [accepts his] father's discipline, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke. Poverty and shame [will come] to him who neglects discipline, but he who regards reproof will be honored. Prov. 13:1, 18	Prov. 10:8; 15:1 James 1:19-20 Judg. 3
Bad Company (wrong friendships)	Do not be deceived: bad company corrupts good morals. 1 Cor. 15:33	Prov. 1:10-19 2:10-19; 9:6 12:26; 13:20 28:7 Heb. 12:15
Bitterness (resentment)	Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled. Heb. 12:14-15	Prov. 26:24-26 Gal. 5:15 Eph. 4:31 1 John 2:9-11
Blameshifting	He who conceals his transgression will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes [them] will find compassion. Prov. 28:13	Gen. 3:12-13 Exod. 32:21-24 Prov. 19:3 Matt. 7:1-5 James 1:13-15
Complaining	Do all things without complaining and disputing. Phil. 2:14 (NKJV)	Ps. 19:14 I Cor. 10:10 Eph. 4:29 Phil. 4:11-13
Covetousness (greed)	And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." Luke 12:15 (NKJV)	Prov. 15:16-17 Prov. 17:1 Col. 3:5 I Tim. 6:6
Defiance	The eye that mocks a father, and scorns a mother, the ravens of the valley will pick it out, and the young eagles will eat it. Prov. 30:17	Deut. 21:18-21 I Sam. 15:23 Prov. 15:32 Prov. 19:26 Prov. 29:1
Disobedience	Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord. Col. 3:20	Ex. 20:12 Prov. 13:13 Prov. 30:17

		Eph. 6:1,2
Disorderliness	Let all things be done decently and in order. I Cor. 14:40 (NKJV)	I Cor. 11:34 I Cor. 15:23
Disrespect	Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth. Eph. 6:2-3	Ex. 20:12 Ex. 21:15 Deut. 27:16 Prov. 3:35 Prov. 20:20 Prov. 30:17
Fear	When I am afraid, I will put my trust in Thee. Ps. 56:3	Ps. 18:6-7 Matt. 10:29-30 2 Tim. 1:7 1 Pet. 3:6, 13-14 I John 4:18
Foolishness	Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; the rod of discipline will remove it far from him. Prov. 22:15	Ps. 107:17 Prov. 1:7; 10:1 12:15, 16 14:3, 16 15:5, 20 17:10, 12 18:2, 6, 7 19:29; 20:3 22:15; 26:3 26:11, 12 29:11
Forgetfulness	We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. Heb 2:1 (NIV)	Deut 4:9 Prov. 4:20-23 2 Pet. 1:12-15 2 Pet. 3:1
Friendlessness	A man of [many] friends [comes] to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. Prov. 18:24	Prov. 12:26; 17:17 John 15:13-15 I Cor. 15:33 James 2:23; 4:4
Gossip	Not returning evil for evil, or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing. For, "Let him who means to love life and see good days refrain his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking guile." 1 Pet. 3:9-10	Prov. 11:13 20:19 26:20-22 Titus 3:1,2 James 3:8-10

Grief	"But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart." John 16:6 (NKJV)	Lam. 3:31-33 John 11:25 Rom. 12:15 2 Cor. 7:10-11 Eph. 4:30
Guilt	He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes [them] will find compassion. Prov. 28:13	Acts 24:16 1 Cor. 4:14 Heb 10:22 1 Pet. 3:16 1 John 1:9
Hypocrisy	If we say that we have fellowship with Him and [yet] walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 1 John 1:6	Matt. 6:1-18 7:3-5 1 Tim. 4:2 1 Pet. 2:1 James 3:17; 4:8
Idolatry	Little children, keep yourselves from idols. 1 John 5:21 (KJV)	Ex. 20:3 1 Cor. 10:7, 14
Impatience	Love is patient, love . . . bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 1 Cor. 13:4, 7	Heb. 6:15; 10:36 James 1:2-4 1 Pet. 1:13 2:19-23
Impulsiveness (hastiness)	But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Gal. 5:22-23	Prov. 25:28 29:11 Titus 2:10-11 1 Pet. 1:13 2 Pet. 1:5-6
Inappropriate speech	Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Eph. 4:29 (NIV)	Prov. 10:31-32 Matt. 12:34-37 Col. 3:17; 4:6 1 Thess. 5:11 James 3:2-8
Inattentiveness	Hear, [O] sons, the instruction of a father, and give attention that you may gain understanding. Prov. 4:1	Prov 18:2, 13 Heb. 2:1 James 1:19
Insensitivity (to the needs and desires of others;	But whoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? 1 John 3:17	Is. 58:7-10 Matt. 9:36; 14:14 15:32; 20:34

lack of compassion)		1 Pet. 3:8
Intemperance (lack of self-control)	[Like] a city that is broken into [and] without walls is a man who has no control over his spirit. Prov. 25:28	Prov. 29:11; 16:32 1 Cor. 9:25-27 2 Pet. 1:5-6
Interrupting	A fool does not delight in understanding, but only in revealing his own mind. He who gives an answer before he hears, it is folly and shame to him. Prov. 18:2, 13	Eccl. 3:7 1 Cor. 13:5 Titus 2:6 1 Pet. 1:13
Judging wrongfully (motives, disputable issues, the Law)	"Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment." John 7:24	Is. 11:3,4 Matt. 7:1,2 Rom. 14:3, 4, 14:10-13 I Cor. 4:3-5 James 4:11-12
Jealousy, Envy	Love . . . Is not jealous. I Cor. 13:4	Prov. 14:30; 23:17; 27:4 Rom. 13:13 Gal. 5:26 1 Pet. 2:1,2
Loneliness	[It is] good for a man that he should bear the yoke in his youth. Let him sit alone and be silent since he has laid [it] on him. Lam. 3:27, 28	Ps. 37:4; 38:11 Lam. 3:24-20 John 16:32
Love of approval (men-pleasing)	Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing [Him], lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God. John 12:42-43	Prov. 29:25 Matt. 23:5-7 Gal. 1:10 Col. 3:22
Love of money	For the love of money is a root of all [kinds] [of] evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 1 Tim. 6:10 (NKJV)	Matt. 6:24 2 Tim. 3:1-5
Love of pleasure	What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? James 4:1	Prov. 21:17 2 Tim. 3:4
Love of self	And He was saying to [them] all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it. Luke 9:23-24	Matt. 20:26-28 1 Cor. 10:24 1 Cor. 13:5
Lying	Lying lips [are] an abomination to the Lord, but those who deal truthfully [are] His delight. Prov. 12:22 (NKJV)	Job 27:4 Prov. 6:16-19 Eph. 4:25 1 Pet. 3:10

Masturbation	But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. Gal. 5:16-18	Prov. 5:18-20 Matt. 5:27-28 Col. 3:5-6 2 Tim. 2:22 1 Thess. 4:3-4
Misuse of the body (over/undereating, uncleanness, etc.)	But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. Gal. 5:16-18	Rom. 8:5-8 Rom. 13:14 2 Cor. 7:1 1 Pet. 2:11
Pride	Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 1 Pet. 5:5-6	Prov. 8:13 Gal. 6:3-4 James 4:6 2 Tim. 2:24-26
Quarreling	What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? James 4:1	Prov. 13:10 1 Cor. 1:11-13 Phil. 2:1-11 1 Tim. 3:3
Rejection	Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Rom. 12:21	Ps. 35; Is. 53 Rom. 12:17-21 Eph. 4:31,32
Slothfulness	Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Cor. 10:31	Prov. 6:6-11 14:23; 19:15 20:13 26:13-16 2 Thess. 3:10
Stealing	Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with [his] hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. Eph. 4:28 (NKJV)	Ex. 20:15 Mt. 15:17-20 1 Pet. 4:15
Selfishness	[Let] nothing [be] [done] through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Phil. 2:3-4 (NKJV)	Prov. 11:24-25 Rom. 12:20-21 Rom. 15:1 Gal. 5:13-15; 6:9 1 Pet. 4:9-11
Stinginess (not sharing)	And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Heb. 13:16 (NIV)	Prov. 11:24-25 22:9 Luke 10:25-37 Eph. 4:28 1 Tim. 6:18

Stubbornness (insubordination)	Children, obey your parents in the Lord for this is right. Eph. 6:1	1 Sam. 15:23 James 4:6
Teasing/jesting	Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrow and death, so is the man who deceives his neighbor, and says, "Was I not joking?" Prov. 26:18-19	Prov. 12:18 Eph. 4:29; 5:4
Ungratefulness	In everything give thanks, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thess. 5:18	2 Tim. 3:2 Col. 3:15, 17; 4:2 Heb. 13:5
Unfaithfulness (not being dependable, reliable, or trustworthy)	Simply let your "Yes" be "Yes," and your "No," "No;" anything beyond this comes from the evil one. Matt. 5:37 (NIV)	Ps. 15:4-5 Prov. 6:1-5 Matt. 21:28-32 Col. 3:9
Unkindness	Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person. Col. 4:6	Prov. 19:22 Luke 6:35 1 Cor. 13:4 Eph. 4:23,29 Col. 3:12
Vindictiveness	See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all men. 1 Thess. 5:15	Prov. 20:22 Rom. 12:14-21 Eph. 4:26 Heb. 12:15
Withdrawing (clamming up)	[There is] a time to be silent, and a time to speak. Eccl. 3:7	1 Sam. 19:4-5 25:24-42 Est. 4:13, 14, 7:4 Job 32:4-22 Prov. 24:11, 12 31:8-9 Acts 4:19-20
Worry	Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things [are] noble, whatever things [are] just, whatever things [are] pure, whatever things [are] lovely, whatever things [are] of good report, if [there] [is] any virtue and if [there] [is] anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things. Phil. 4:6-8 (NKJV)	Ps. 37:5 Matt. 6:25, 34 1 Pet. 5:6-7