

The **PARENTAL** AREA of LIFE

Introduction to the 7 Areas of Life

- A. Scripture speaks to how we should live in all areas of life.
- B. We have identified seven general areas of life.
- C. These seven areas are listed in diagram 150-A of the [Victorious Christian Living Manual](#).
- D. The 7 Areas of Life are:
 - 1. Spiritual-our relationship with God.
 - 2. Psychological-our relationship with mind, will and emotions.
 - 3. Physical-our relationship with our bodies.
 - 4. Financial-our relationship with money and work.
 - 5. Social-our relationship with other people.
 - 6. Marital-our relationship with our spouse.
 - 7. Parental-our relationship with our children.
- E. As part of our 7 Areas of Life Training, we will look at the godly model for each one of these specific areas.

I. Definition

The parental area of life deals with the relationship of parents to their children.

II. Importance

- A. Children are a gift from the Lord. Psalm 127:3
- B. They can be wonderful mirrors of our relationship with God.
 - 1. Parents are to raise children up to be Godly offspring.
 - 2. It is vital to teach children how to have a relationship with their Heavenly Father.
- C. Parenting is primarily discipleship.

III. Godly Model

Scripture reveals seven principles a parent should follow to disciple a child. To leave out a principle due to personal experience or society's influence will most likely cause you and your children to suffer.

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A. A godly parent will TEACH a child. Deuteronomy 4:10

To TEACH is to give *verbal instruction*.

1. A godly parent disciples a child by teaching how life works and how to live.
Deuteronomy 6:6-7
2. What happens when a parent doesn't teach a child? 2 Tim 2:25; 2 Sam 7:14;
Proverbs 11:14a; Proverbs 29:18a

B. A godly parent will TRAIN a child. Proverbs 22:6

To TRAIN is to allow a child *to do* what was taught.

1. A godly parent will disciple a child by training him to apply what has been taught. Luke 9:2, 6 (Jesus sent His men and let them proclaim His message.)
2. What happens when a parent doesn't train a child? James 1:23-24

C. A godly parent will CORRECT a child. Proverbs 29: 17

To CORRECT is to *adjust the inappropriate actions* of a child being trained.

1. A godly parent disciples a child by correcting wrong behavior with further teaching or training. Matthew 17:19-20
2. What happens when a parent is unwilling to correct a child? 1 Samuel 3:12-13

D. A godly parent will NURTURE a child. Ephesians 6:4b

To NURTURE is to *nourish emotionally*.

1. A godly parent disciples a child by touching and speaking in such a way to build a warm relationship. Matthew 19:13-15
2. What happens when a parent doesn't provide emotional nourishment for a child?
Colossians 3:21

E. A godly parent will DISCIPLINE a child. Proverbs 19:18

To DISCIPLINE a child is to *impose negative consequences* in response to a child's wrong choices.

1. A godly parent is motivated by love to discipline a child who is acting foolishly. This discipline comes immediately, without anger, in private, as God's representative and to rescue a child from rebellious behavior. Proverbs 22:15
2. What happens when a parent fails to discipline a child? Proverbs 13:24

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F. A godly parent PROVIDES for a child.

To PROVIDE for a child is to *meet the child's physical needs*.

1. A godly parent disciplines a child by seeing that the child's physical needs are met.

Matthew 7:9-10

2. What happens if a parent fails to meet the physical needs of a child? 1 Timothy 5:8

G. A godly parent LOVES a child.

To LOVE a child is to *give yourself up* to meet all the needs of a child.

1. A godly parent disciplines a child by unselfish patience and kindness. 1 Corinthians 13:4-5

2. What happens when a parent fails to love a child? 2 Timothy 3:2-4

**IN THE PARENTAL AREA OF LIFE, OUR MODEL AND POWER TO PARENT IS
GOD THE FATHER!**

Matthew 7:11