



# SECRETS

*of Successful Families*

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## LESSON FOUR: **Proper Parental Authority**

### INTRODUCTION:

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*Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. MATTHEW 6:10*

**DEFINITION:** “kingdom”—direct rule and authority

*And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king. 1 SAMUEL 15:22–23*

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. EPHESIANS 6:1–3*

*Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. EXODUS 20:12*

### 1. PROPER PARENTAL AUTHORITY DEMONSTRATES \_\_\_\_\_ TO AUTHORITY

*And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. EPHESIANS 6:4*

**DEFINITION:** “nurture”—to train a child, to model for a child what is desired for him to do

**Our real disposition toward submission to authority can be revealed by honest answers to some of these questions:**

- Am I really submitted to God's authority?
- Do I pray before I make decisions and consult the Word of God for answers?
- Do I believe authority is necessary for my life? Do I see God's authority, the authority of my pastor, my boss, and my spouse as needed and positive influences in my life, or as negative influences to restrain my need for expression and pleasure?
- Am I correctable?
- Do I have a teachable spirit?
- What is my response when I am confronted or corrected by authority?
- Do I speak negatively of police, government leaders, church leaders, my boss at work, or other leaders?
- Do I demonstrate the attitude toward the authorities in my life that I want from my children?
- If my children grow up to be like me, will God bless them?
- Do I reinforce the authority figures who are trying to keep my child in account (teachers, etc.), or do I take up my child's offense against them and dispute their authority?

**2. PROPER PARENTAL AUTHORITY HONORS GOD'S ORDER FOR \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_**

*Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.*

**EPHESIANS 5:22-33**

**3. PROPER PARENTAL AUTHORITY ENFORCES LOVING, CONSISTENT \_\_\_\_\_**

*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. ISAIAH 53:6*

*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; ROMANS 3:23*

- A. Clearly \_\_\_\_\_ your expectations and the penalty for violation
- B. Be \_\_\_\_\_ in discipline
- C. Discipline in \_\_\_\_\_
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**PROVERBS 13:24; 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:15**
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. RESTITUTION AND \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Keep the \_\_\_\_\_

*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. HEBREWS 11:1*

*Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. PROVERBS 22:6*

*Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. EPHESIANS 6:16*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

**PSALM 23:4**

**CONCLUSION:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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