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Parenting
IN A CRAZY CULTURE

Psalm 127:4

Like arrows in the
hand of a warrior, so
are children born in
one's youth.

Q1. I'm hopeful the school system allows me & other parents who think this way to offer a class entitled "STOP saying I'm NOT your friend to your child" You should be your child's BEST FRIEND.

Ephesians 6:4 (NIV)

4 It's helping children love and live for Jesus. “Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord”

Friend

- Team Mate
- Supporter
- Confidant

Father

- The Source
- The Sustainer
- The Provider
- The Protector
- The Healer
- The Nurturer
- Teacher/Trainer
- The Responsible One
- Lead Prayer Warrior

Mother

- The Caregiver
- The Health Care Provider
- The Activity Coordinator
- The Child's Teacher
- The Financial Planner
- The Emotional Nurturer
- The Relationship Coach

Q2. What do you do when you ask your child to do something multiple times and they still don't listen and you have a lot of frustration? How do you manage your anger without cursing or going off on your child? And what should be the correct way to discipline your child without hurting them emotionally mentally and spiritually?

Proverbs 14:29

29 Whoever is patient has great understanding, but one who is quick-tempered displays folly.

Proverbs 22:24-25 (MSG)

24 Don't hang out with angry people; don't keep company with hotheads. 25 Bad temper is contagious - don't get infected.

Q3. What do you do when your child refuses to report a disturbance at school out of fear?

Example: My child was recorded using the bathroom at school. I found out because it was posted on social media. Yes, as a parent I addressed the school and persons were reprimanded. However, things continue to happen unreported.

1. As a ministry, we are all sad this happened to your child and your family.

2. This week COPFYM Youth Directors will be in contact with you and your child's school for visits with the administration and lunch with your child for support (if parent allows).

3. We will aim to be a village to your family and others whose children are being bullied.

4. We are preparing to open Jericho Christian Academy so your children will have a safe place.

Q4. How do I get my child to understand that they cannot get what they want all the time?

It's the basis for their attitudes, tantrums, and the disruption in my house.

1. Never reward an attitude, tantrum or disruption with their request. They've learned to control you by their behavior. This makes an adult which cannot adapt to thought situations and impedes them from being able to have a healthy marriage.

2. Thus, set up boundaries and consequences, and do not release them from the consequences.

Q5. How can you
parent without being
controlling?

Controlling our children is
never the real goal.

Teaching our children self-
control is the goal.

~ Dr. David Erickson

1. Give them opportunities to earn freedom through showing trustworthiness. Celebrate them when they achieve them.

Q6. Parents who lose a child,
find comfort in Jesus Christ. He
will LOVE you through it. HOW
do you just lean not on your own
understanding at that point???

1. It's okay to give yourself time to mourn.

2. While you might want to blame God, remember, He hurts when you hurt and He wants to see you with the desires of your heart.

3. Never hide a pain forever.
Your hurt heals as you share
your testimony. Some pain is
to make you sensitive to feel
what others are going through.

4. Keep trusting...

Isaiah 61:3 (BSB)

3 to console the mourners in Zion
—to give them a crown of beauty
for ashes, the oil of joy for
mourning, and a garment of
praise for a spirit of despair.

Q7. What's the best form of discipline starting off for your first child? How do you teach patience?

1. Play Waiting Games.
2. Celebrate when they show patience.
3. Don't Resort to Bribes.
4. Display Patience.
5. Read lots of Books.
 - Dinah Castro, a bilingual family well-being educator with Cornell Cooperative Extension, shares that reading to children helps them develop key concentration and self-discipline skills.

Q8. I was planning on retiring and do me but God had other plans. I'm now retired raising my two grandchildren. Their mother wasn't stable and I didn't want their mom going from pillar to post exposing them to all sorts of possible abuse. Any advice on grandparents raising their grandchildren?

Know this: More than 2.4 million grandparents across the country have stepped up when needed, taking their grandchildren into their homes and raising them.

I Corinthians 10:24

24 No one should seek their own food, but the good of others.

Second,

- Establish a Routine
- Connect to Community Services/
Join a Support Group (AARP and
the National Committee of
Grandparents for Children's Rights)

- Take Time for You
- Determine your eligibility for help (BenefitsCheckup.org)
- Talk with an attorney about how to determine if being a legal guardian is beneficial

Final Answer

Deuteronomy 7:9 (ESV)

9 Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.