

Sunday Morning | August 30, 2015

FAITH-FAMILY-FRIENDS
BRINGING UP KIDS

EPHESIANS 6:4 (NASB)

INSIGHT: Many parents think the #1 goal of parenting is for their child to like them... it's not.

TRUTH: Loving parenting requires a great deal that kids will not like.

I. GOD'S PATTERN FOR PARENTS

INSIGHT: Worldly parenting is behavior modification, but biblical parenting is redemptive. It goes for the heart.

INSIGHT: Biblical parenting sees the heart of every child as a battlefield of conflict between sin and righteousness.

INSIGHT: The problem with your child is a wicked heart... and no one outgrows depravity, nobody.

INSIGHT: To discipline a child means to force conformity of the heart and life to the ways of God and His truth.

TRUTH: Self-will rules the heart of every child. Breaking self-will in your child is responsible parenting.

INSIGHT: Every child is totally depraved, and changing a child at their core is impossible for any parent without God's help.

II. THE BATTLE A PARENT MUST WIN

INSIGHT: Shaping the will of a two-year-old requires loving, firm discipline.

INSIGHT: Discipline leads to character development (*Proverbs 19:18 LB*).

INSIGHT: Discipline is required for willful disobedience which is rebellion to authority.

INVITATION

INSIGHT: Encourage the spirit of your child but break self-will and you'll keep your child's heart.