

# #2 Parenting a Child's Heart

## Course Guide

### Topics:

1. Disfigured home model
2. Positional authority vs. Relational authority
3. Fulfilled life through relational love model in Christ

### INTRO

Question: Who's image are we to become more in the likeness of as Christians?

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

New King James Version

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with unveiled face, **beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as [a]by the Spirit of the Lord.**

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Ephesians 6:1-4 (NIV)**

6 Children, obey your **parents in the Lord**, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise— 3 "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." [a]

4 Fathers, [b] do not exasperate your children; instead, **bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.**

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James 4:1-7 (NKJV)

**4 Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? 2 You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet[a] you do not have because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures. 4 Adulterers and[b] adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 5 Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, “The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously”?**

**6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:**

**“God resists the proud,  
But gives grace to the humble.”[c]**

**7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.**

#### POINT #1

**QUESTION:** What do disfigured home models produce?

**Answer:**

*Ephesians 6:2 “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise:*

## #2 Positional authority vs. Relational authority

**2 Thessalonians 2:9-10**

**9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.**

*Where individuals disregard Honor, it's proof of obligatory submission to positional authority (**Living by the Law**), where there is departure from the revelation of righteousness through relational alignment. ( **Liberty in Love by Faith** ) .*

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**Positional Authority-** rules from a position, title, rank, and status. And

**Relational Authority-** from the trust and respect of others. It cannot be demanded, but is given freely (or not) by your followers.(heart Value)

- ***Positional application of authority systems without its transcendence into relational authoritative understanding in application, produces rebellion.***
  - ***Rebellion is a product of pride.***

2 Corinthians 1:3-5 (NKJV)

Comfort in Suffering

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, **that we may be able to comfort those who are in any [a]trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.** 5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our [b]consolation also abounds through Christ.

**Every one of us experience seasons of pressure, difficulty, pain – no one is exempt.**

- A key issue that arises is isolation and with it loss of perspective.
- God is willing to enter our world and comfort us –

### **The Comfort Question**

- Can you recall as a child being comforted during a time of emotional distress?  
i.e. someone connected with you, listened to you and understood your feelings and reassured you?
- If the answer is 'No' – how did you handle pain?  
a) Isolate and comfort self? B) React with anger, blame?
  - **Comfort =NT3870= to call near.**

**To come alongside you when you are in pain and distress and provide reassurance and hope. God's response is always a relational response to reassure and bring hope.**

**We must identify:**

1. Identify problem thinking
2. Identify problem feelings

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### 3. Identify problem behaviors

Philippians 3:1-4 New International Version (NIV)

#### **No Confidence in the Flesh**

3 Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. 2 Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. 3 For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, **and who put no confidence in the flesh**— 4 though I myself have reasons for such confidence.

- When we see problematic issues and we brush them off and believe

#### **Common lies of the flesh:**

- Many Christians try to help others in distress and end up increasing their pain.
- **Sincerity is not enough – we must know how to exhort – how to comfort.**
- **Common things people say and do:**
  - (i) Don't worry – soon pass! (ix) You need more faith
  - (ii) Don't worry – get over it! (x) Praise the Lord anyway!
  - (iii) Not that bad really! (xi) We all have days like that!
  - (iv) That's nothing compared to my problem!
  - (v) Joke and make light of it! (xii) You shouldn't feel that way!
  - (vi) Must be due to sin! (xiii) God is dealing with you!
  - (vii) You are right you have been treated badly!
  - (viii) Invade the person's space. (xiv) Excessive talking.
- None of these things help – they actually increase pain and isolation.

Isaiah 54:4

**4** “Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed;

Neither be disgraced, for you will not be put to shame;

For you will forget the shame of your youth,

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