

B. The **Procedures** of Discipline

1. **Companionship**

*“7 But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children.*

*8 So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.”*

I Thessalonians 2:7-8

**Rules** without **relationship** equals **rebellion**.

2. **Communication**

*“17 And the LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing,*

*18 since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?*

*19 For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.”* Genesis 18:17-19

3. **Chastisement**

*“Chasten your son while there is hope, And do not set your heart on his destruction.”* Proverbs 19:18

4. **Comfort**

*“For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights.”* Proverbs 3:12

**HOW DO YOU NEED TO APPLY  
GOD’S WISDOM TO YOUR MODERN FAMILY?**

**MODERN FAMILY  
God’s Wisdom For Today’s Families  
Modern Family Parenting  
Pastor Steve Reynolds**

**INTRODUCTION**

A. Modern families have major problems! We no longer live in a culture where the majority of homes include two parents with 2.3 kids and a white picket fence. The reality is modern family life is extremely complex, often dysfunctional and very painful. Is there any hope? YES! God has timeless wisdom for today’s families. He knows and cares and wants to help your family thrive.

*“And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”*

Joshua 24:15

B. You’re invited to attend this powerful series on the modern day family. You will discover how to have healthy relationships in whatever family situation whether single, married, kids, empty nester, whatever.

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C. **TEXT:** Ephesians 6:1-4 (Pew Bible/Pg. 1150/New Test.)

## MODERN FAMILY PARENTING

**Both** parents are responsible to **God** for raising their children. (6:4a)

*“My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother;”* Proverbs 1:8

Why the emphasis on the **father** in this verse? (6:4a)

- Because fathers tend to **neglect** this responsibility.
- Because fathers are the **head** of the house.

### I. **KINDNESS** (6:4b)

#### A. The **Explanation** Of This Commandment

- What does, *“Do not provoke your children to wrath”* mean?

It does not mean to **never** oppose or upset your child.

*“For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows, because his sons made themselves vile, and he did not restrain them.”*

I Samuel 3:13

- It does mean not to **discourage** your child by harmfully irritating them.

*“Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.”* Colossians 3:21

#### B. The **Examples** Of This Commandment

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lying                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abuse          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Favoritism               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neglect        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Constant Criticism       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hypocrisy      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tension Between Parents  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Overprotection |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrealistic Expectations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comparison     |

### II. **INSTRUCTION** (6:4c)

*“Training”* means to **educate** your children in the Lord. (See Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-21)

#### A. The **Message** to Communicate (vs 4-5, 20-21)

*“37 Jesus said to him, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’*

*38 This is the first and great commandment.”* Matt 22:37-38

#### B. The **Model** To Communicate (v.6)

Nothing happens **through** you that doesn't first happen **in** you. Therefore, say it with your life as you say it with your lips.

*“The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.”* Luke 6:40

#### C. The **Methods** To Communicate (v.v.7-9)

1. **Speech** (v.7)
2. **Symbols** (v.8)
3. **Surroundings** (v.9)

### III. **DISCIPLINE** (6:4c)

*“Admonition”* means to **discipline** your children in the Lord.

#### A. The **Purposes** of Discipline

##### 1. To Drive Out **Sin**

*“Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.”* Psalm 51:5

*“Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of correction will drive it far from him.”*

Proverbs 22:15

##### 2. To Communicate **Love**

*“He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly.”* Proverbs 13:24

##### 3. To Deliver From **Hell**

*“13 Do not withhold correction from a child, For if you beat him with a rod, he will not die.*

*14 You shall beat him with a rod, And deliver his soul from hell.”* Proverbs 23:13-14

##### 4. To Find **Rest**

*“Correct your son, and he will give you rest; Yes, he will give delight to your soul.”* Proverbs 29:17