

Parenting: Establishing Authority

Session 2 | Proactive Training

Note: Items in BLUE are not found in class participant notes

4 Ideas of Proactive Training

1. Connecting
2. First Time Obedience
3. Self-Control
4. Kindness

CONNECTING: Being purposeful about developing a relationship with this young life that God has entrusted to you

- Connecting at 3 Years

- Connecting at 6 Years

“There is no substitution for time or communication with your kids.”

FIRST TIME OBEDIENCE: Your child listening to your voice and obeying the first time an instruction is given; without having to plead with them, and with a peaceful heart

- First Time Obedience at 3 Years

- First Time Obedience at 6 Years

Discussion Questions

1. Why is connecting with your child outside of corrective moments important?
2. Why is not a good idea to “count” and wait for your child to obey?
3. How can having a standard, even for children who are not believers, help prepare their heart to receive the gospel?
4. Are there any areas where you need to work on self-control—especially in how you relate to your child? How can you model self-control for them?
5. In what ways are you or do you need to be proactively training your child to be kind and respectful to others?
6. Are there some excuses you are making for your child when they are unkind (when they won't speak, they are ungrateful, they refuse to say please, won't engage other adults, etc.)? What might it look like for you proactively train them to be kind and respectful even in situations where they are scared or uncomfortable?

“Bonus” Discussion Questions (Not in Class Notes)

1. What are some practical ways you have connected with your child? What are some things you do together? Share in your group things that have worked well in your particular family.
2. What is your biggest challenge you face in connecting with your child?