Parenting: Establishing Authority

Session 2 | Proactive Training

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

| 4 | Ideas | of | Proactive | Training |
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- 1. Connecting
- 2. First Time Obedience
- 3. Self-Control
- 4. Kindness

CONNECTING: Being <u>purposeful</u> 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 <u>listening</u> to your voice and obeying the <u>first time</u> an instruction is given; without having to plead with them, and with a <u>peaceful</u> heart

- First Time Obedience at 3 Years
- First Time Obedience at 6 Years

SELF-CONTROL: A child's ability to gain control over his or her <u>emotions</u> and <u>speech</u>

| So think clearly and exercise self-control. Look forward to the special blessings that will come to you at the return of Jesus Christ. |
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| -I Peter I:13 |
| • Self-Control at 3 Years |
| • Self-Control at 6 Years |
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| KINDNESS: Being <u>considerate</u> of others with <u>words</u> and <u>actions</u> |
| <i>3</i> Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. <i>4</i> Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. |
| -Philippians 2:3-4 |
| Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart. |
| -Proverbs 3:3 |
| 31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. 32 Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, inches Good through Christ has familiar as an experience. |
| just as God through Christ has forgiven you. -Ephesians 4:31-32 |
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| Kindness at 3 Years |
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| Kindness at 6 Years |

Discussion Questions

| 1. | Why is connecting with your child outside of corrective moments important? |
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| 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? |