

Marriage and Family Study
Heritage Christian Fellowship
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Parent Child Relationship
Comparison of two approaches

I. Review:

Questions in light of review:

Why might it be, that after observing the conduct of children and hearing some of the reasoning of parents, that the second part of the question might be more of a reality?

Here are a few reasons.

1. Our children are not all that bad and we might see some of what might be called depravity but I'm not so sure that they are totally depraved. I think they are more innocent than bad.
2. The constant or too much restraining of children will cause them to rebel, after all if parents don't allow the child freedom of expression the child will only stuff his feelings that will lead to low self-esteem. And not only that, you can't force them to act right.
3. We should do what ever is necessary to avoid conflict as much as possible. Keep peace at all cost. Things will eventually work themselves out.
4. I know God has given parents authority, but I now what it's like to be under an authoritarian and I want to be more loving.
5. I want my children to spiritual but the Bible doesn't always teach us how to deal with feelings and how our mind works.
6. Sometimes the wisdom of God is hard to understand, that's why He gave us human reason and common sense.

II. Introduction:

III. Biblically-Based Approach

A. The primary goal.

1. Salvation

a. **II Tim. 3: 13-15.**

2. The building of a strong moral character

a. **Eph. 6:1-4**

B. Starting point for objective moral training.

1. God's love, (brings order out of chaos)
 - a. **Deut. 6:4-7**
 1. Parents are to love the Lord with all their heart, soul, and might. (this must first be in the parent's heart)
 2. Parents are to pass on God's love and instruction to their children.
2. Means: Parental authority.
 - a. **Eph 6:1** *Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.*
 - b. **Col 3:20** *Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.*
3. Need: Self-control.
 - a. **Pr 25:28** *Whoever has no rule over his own spirit is like a city broken down, without walls.*
4. Focus: Heart training.
 - a. **2Ti 3:13-17**
5. Results: Maturity and friendship.
 - a. **Joh 15:12-15**

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1. Examine your parenting style against what has been presented.
2. Does your parenting resemble any of the points presented?
3. Have you or are you parenting out of fear or obedience?
4. What adjustments, if any, are in need of implementation?
5. What conflicts are you experiencing with your child(ren) that are directly related to any of the points presented?