

Marriage and Family Study
Heritage Christian Fellowship
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Obedience and Instruction
Part Four

I. Introduction:

II. Instruction through encouragement, continuing.

This week I will be presenting specific aspects of how to instruct through encouragement, using a teaching template that includes the following components followed by some guiding Scriptural principles and concluding with some reflection questions.

A. Presentation of material.

B. Review of material.

1. Q & A format.

2. Clarification when understanding of instruction is uncertain.

3. Reviewing of material.

4. Testing.

5. Correcting.

6. Observation of understanding of material by implementation.

C. Repetition of material, in the early stages it is daily.

D. Verbal encouragement w/o empty praise.

E. Teaching with a goal in mind.

a. use incentives when appropriate.

F. Teaching with caution, avoiding:

a. criticism

b. condemnation

c. manipulation (bribes)

d. punishment

III. Guiding Scriptural principles

A. 1Th 5:14-15 14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. 15 See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.

1.

2.

3.

4.

B. Eph 4:29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

C. Col 4:6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

Your speech should reflect:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

IV. Reflection questions:

1. How well do you know your child(ren)?
2. As you consider your child(ren), do you know when:
 - a. He is being childish?
 - b. He is being defiant?
 - c. He is frustrated?
 - d. He had misunderstood and his actions look like disobedience?
 - e. He needs additional assistance that reflects I Thes. 5:14-15?
3. What adjustments have you made in correcting your parenting approach and style?
4. Are you dealing with your child(ren) in reaction or responding appropriately?
5. Are you implementing ***Gal 6:9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.***?