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Isaiah 53:6 *We are the ones who strayed away like sheep, we, who left God's paths to follow our own.*

"I want to control my life, and you!"

"I want to control my life, and you,  
even if it causes you and me pain!"

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Prov. 26:12 *Do you see a person wise in their own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for them.*

### **The problem of self-g\_\_\_\_\_.**

Titus 3:3 *For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures.*

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Prov. 26:11 *As a dog returns to its vomit, so fools repeat their folly.*

Self-gratification has each of these components:

- a. Pleasure on demand.
- b. "When I want, how I want, how long I want it."
- c. "I'll do whatever I want even when you tell me it's not good for me."
- d. "I'll seek my own pleasure even if it's not good for me."
- e. "I'll seek my own pleasure even if it hurts me."
- f. "I'll see my own pleasure even when it hurts mom and dad."
- g. We are pleasure-driven more than conviction-driven, character-driven, right and wrong-driven.

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Pg. 3: rule; Pg. 4: gratification.

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## **Parent, Meet Your Child**

Parenting 101 – part 1

*Ephesians 6:1*

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### **An overview of parenting.**

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*Psalm 127:3 Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him.*

*Psalm 127:1 Unless the Lord builds the house, those who labor, labor in vain.*

### **The 3-fold task of parenting**

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*Genesis 18:19 "For I have chosen him, so that he will **direct** his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him."*

#### **a. We are to love our children.**

*Titus 2:4 Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children...*

#### **b. We are to train our children in wisdom, and reflect His love and character to them.**

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*Deuteronomy 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.<sup>y</sup> <sup>5</sup> Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.*

#### **c. We are to discipline our children.**

*Proverbs 22:15 **Folly** is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him.*

**What is it our kids need to learn?**

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## God is God and we are not

Psalm 78:5 He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he **commanded** our ancestors to **teach their children**,<sup>6</sup> so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.<sup>7</sup> Then they would **put their trust in God** and would **not forget his deeds** but would **keep his commands**.<sup>8</sup> They would not be like their ancestors— a **stubborn** and **rebellious** generation, whose hearts were not loyal to God, whose spirits were not faithful to him.

## There is a moral framework to life

Exodus 20:1 And God spoke all these words:<sup>2</sup> “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.”<sup>3</sup> “You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup> “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.<sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,<sup>6</sup> but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup> “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.<sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work,<sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns.<sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup> “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup> “You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup> “You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup> “You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup> “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup> “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

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## Children also have two specific commands.

Eph. 6:1 Children, **obey** your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

Eph. 6:2 **Honor** your father and mother.

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## The problem of foolishness and folly

Psalm 14:1 The fool says **in his heart**, “There is no God.”

Proverbs 22:15 **Folly** is **bound up in the heart** of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him.

Proverbs 5:23 For lack of discipline they will die, led astray by their own great folly.

Prov. 12:23 The prudent keep their knowledge to themselves, but a fool’s heart blurts out folly.

Prov. 14:18 The simple inherit folly, but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

Prov. 14:29 Whoever is patient has great understanding, but one who is quick-tempered displays folly.

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## The problem of self-r\_\_\_\_\_.

Genesis 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;<sup>17</sup> but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

Genesis 3:4 “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman.<sup>5</sup> “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and **you will be like God, knowing good and evil.**”

“I’m in charge!”

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