

Christian Parenting

Week 11 Making all the difference



*Fathers do not exasperate your children;
instead, bring them up in the training
and instruction of the Lord.*

Prov 22:6



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Greg (& Vikki) Nordstrom



But as for *you*, continue in
what you have learned and
have firmly *believed*, knowing
from whom you learned it
and how *from childhood*
you have been
acquainted with the
sacred writings,
which are able to make
you wise for
salvation
through faith in
Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 3:14-15

*So, fathers be good to your daughters,
Daughters will love like you do.
Girls become lovers who turn into mothers,
So mothers be good to your daughters, too.*

Chorus from John Mayer's "Daughters"



But first, some *pregnancy advise* from...

The image shows the cover of a book titled "Safe Baby PREGNANCY TIPS". The cover has a yellow background with a white banner at the top containing the title. Below the title, there is a black horizontal line. Underneath the line, the text "Simple diagrams help you manage your:" is followed by three bullet points: "✓ Cravings", "✓ Fashion choices", and "✓ Mind-numbing labor pain". To the right of this text is a line drawing of a pregnant woman and a man. Below the text and drawing is a circular diagram called "THE WHEEL OF RESPONSIBILITY". The wheel is divided into eight segments. The top two segments are labeled "Mom" and "Dad" and contain drawings of a woman and a man's face. The remaining six segments are labeled "Dad" and contain drawings of a man's face. A black arrow points to the top-right "Dad" segment. Below the wheel, there is a red warning triangle icon followed by the text "PRENATAL BONUS! THE WHEEL OF RESPONSIBILITY™ helps him contribute in some small way." At the bottom of the cover, the authors "by David & Kelly Sopp" are listed, along with a small line drawing of a family.

Safe Baby
PREGNANCY TIPS

Simple diagrams help you manage your:

- ✓ Cravings
- ✓ Fashion choices
- ✓ Mind-numbing labor pain

THE WHEEL OF RESPONSIBILITY™
helps him contribute in some small way.

by David & Kelly Sopp

Pregnancy Tip:

Yoga Positions



Pregnancy Tip:

Working Pregnant

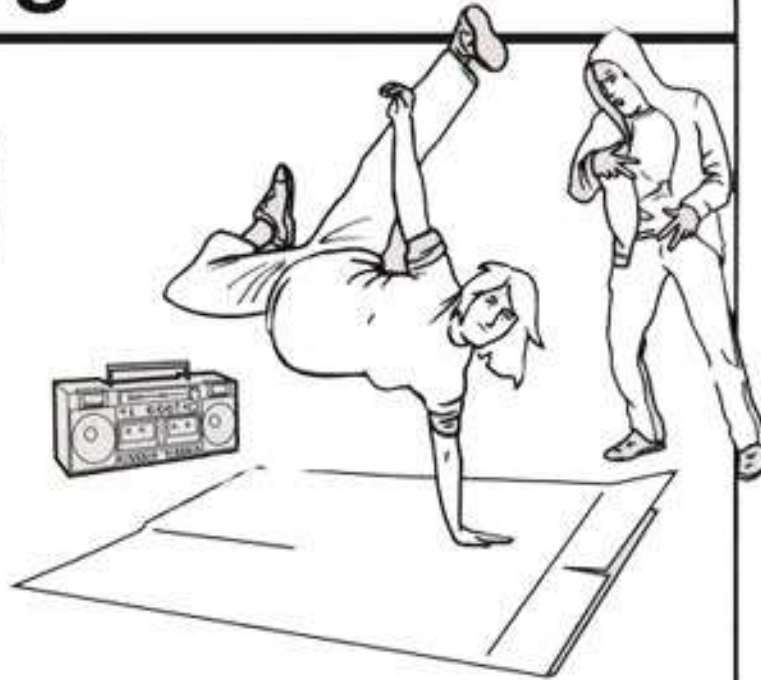


Pregnancy Tip:

Cutting Loose



GOOD



BAD



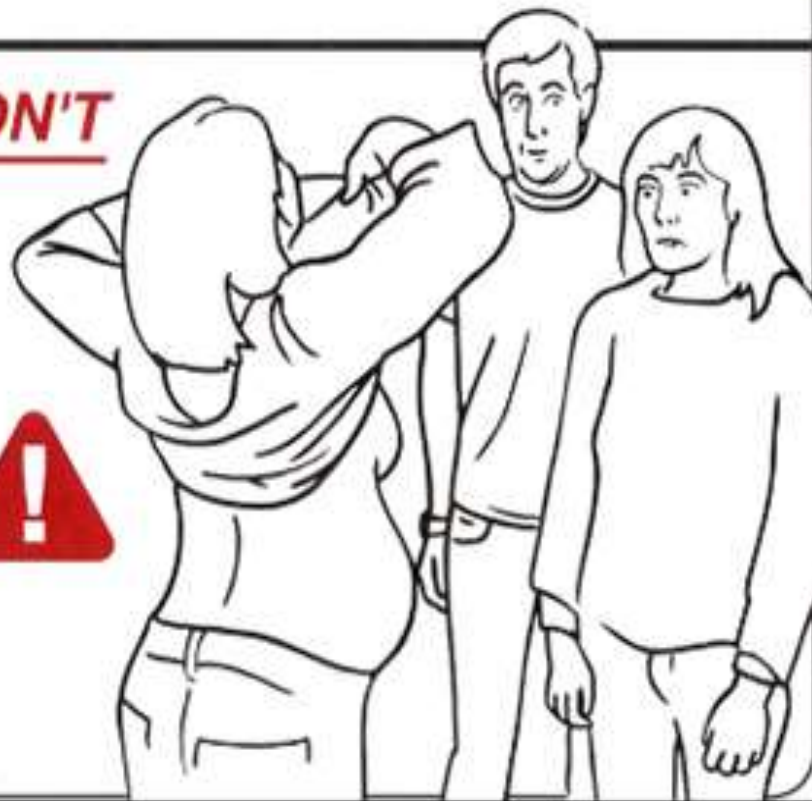
Pregnancy Tip:

Sharing with Friends

DO



DON'T



Time for... A Quick Review



Permissive parents



- Represent **weak authority figures**
- Eventually **disable children** instead of enabling them
- Instill a sense of **entitlement** in their kids
- Invite **rebellion** due to **inconsistent parenting**
- Create **aggressive children** with **little empathy** for others

Authoritarian parents



- Run the home with an **iron fist**
- Give children **very little freedom**
- Tend to be **men** more often than women
- Often found in **strongly religious** and/or **military families**
- Create **rebellious 'tween-, teen-, and adult children**

Authoritative parents

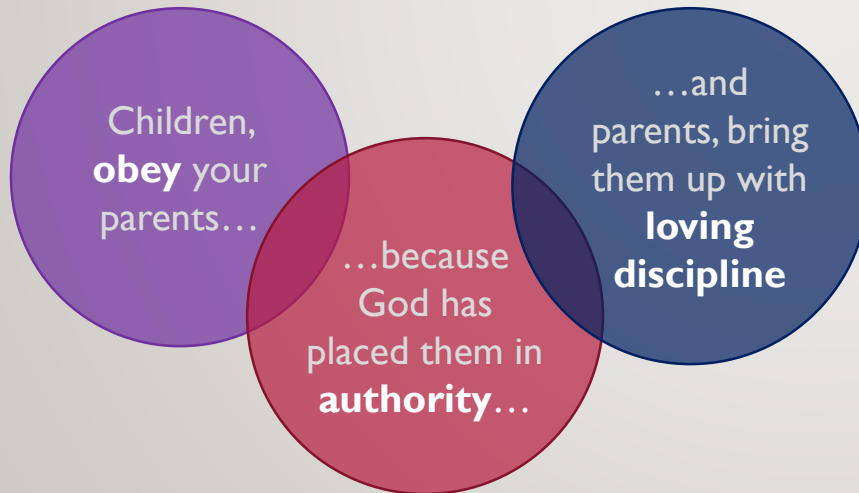


- Give their kids a **secure** and **affirming** environment
- Convey **respect, self-worth, and love** to their children
- Use **consequences to teach the lessons** (i.e. the *reality* of results)
- Practice **consistency** and **diligence** (i.e. they follow through)
- Create **stable, self-sufficient adults**

“Reality Discipline”

“Letting the reality of the situation become the teacher to the child.”

- A **consistent, decisive, and respectful** way for parents to **love** and **discipline** their children
- Lets kids make **choices** and experience **consequences**
- Based on **Godly discipline** (not authoritarian punishment)
- Based on **Godly love** (not permissive “smother love”)
- Follows the “family model” of **Ephesians 6:1-4**



Dr. Leman adds:

*“I want to stress the **love**. Without love, the concepts of obeying, authority, and discipline won’t work. Your children must genuinely feel loved and have a relationship with you.”*

Husbands,

Love your wives well!

Your children are noticing
how you treat her.

You are teaching your sons
how they should treat women
and you are teaching your
daughters what they should
expect from men.

Dave Willis

The difference a daddy makes...

 CBN.COM

A father and daughter in crisis

(identities changed to protect their privacy)



Bobby, age 36



Kat, age 13

U.S. runaway statistics

<http://www.ncsl.org/research/human-services/homeless-and-runaway-youth.aspx>

<https://brandongaille.com/44-teenage-runaway-statistics/>

Studies Have Shown That:

- ❑ One in seven young people between 10 and 18 will run away at least once
- ❑ Youth age 12-17 are more at risk of homelessness than adults
- ❑ 75% of runaways are female
- ❑ Up to 22% of girls that choose to run away will become pregnant because of their choice to run away
- ❑ Almost 50% of girls on the streets and 1 in 3 girls living in shelters report they've been pregnant at least once in the past
- ❑ 17% of runaways have been involved with the local juvenile justice system in some way
- ❑ 5000 kids die every year because of illness, disease, assault, or suicide while living on the streets
- ❑ HIV rates in runaways are up to 10 times higher than average in the U.S.
- ❑ Kids who run away may begin engaging in what is called "survival sex" within 48 hours of leaving home
- ❑ Only 7% of teens return home if they've run away for more than 30 days

So why do kids
become runaways?



Kat, age 13

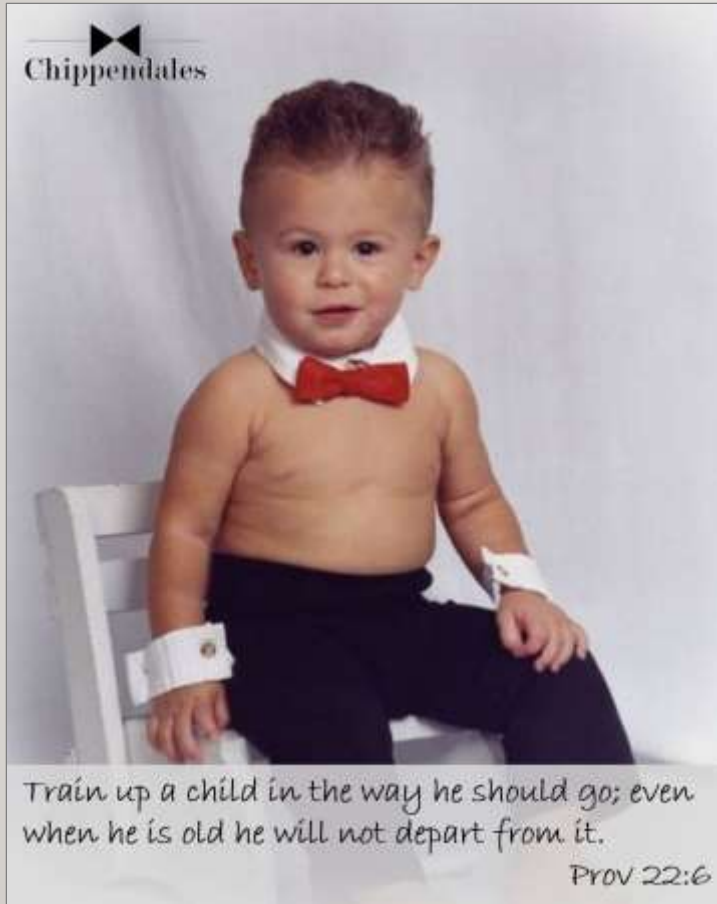
So, trust in the Lord and...

- Give your child **choices** and **formulate guidelines** with him/her
 - Provide your child with **decision-making opportunities**
 - Develop **consistent, loving discipline**
 - Hold your child **accountable**
 - Let **reality** be the teacher
 - Convey **respect, self-worth**, and **love** to your child
 - Apply “**reality discipline**” in a **consistent** and **coordinated** way
 - **Let love lead**, and...
 - Show your child how to depend on **God** for **wisdom** and **strength**
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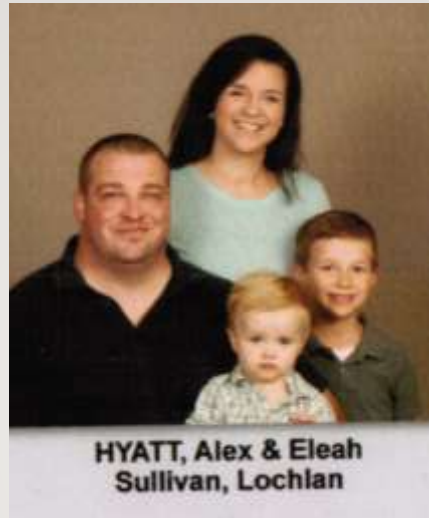
Fathers, don't exasperate your children by coming down hard on them. Take them by the hand and lead them in the way of the Master. (Eph 6:4, MSG)

Discipline your children; you'll be glad you did—they'll turn out delightful to live with. (Prov 29:17, MSG)

Questions? Comments?



Next week **Eleah Hyatt** will be our special guest speaker!



- Eleah is a licensed marriage and family therapist
- Be thinking about questions you may have for Eleah

Blessings for a great week!