

PARENTING BOOTCAMP Week One

FOUR OVERLAPPING PHASES OF DEVELOPMENTAL GROWTH

If we do not recognize these developmental stages:

- A. We become a babysitting service during the church service
- B. We start preaching to kids as adults instead of embracing them as children

1. The Loving _____ Stage—actions bring parental consequences, ages 1-5 (Preschool)

2. The Dedicated _____ Stage—actions have natural consequences, ages 6-12
(Elementary School)

- A. Give them your godly example
- B. Structure their environment
- C. Start tough love

SOME _____ PARENTS MAKE

- 1) They see themselves as being God, instead of being a servant
- 2) They target the youngest child
- 3) They allow fairness to thwart righteousness
- 4) They equate a full calendar with success
- 5) They prepare for extremes instead of promoting the middle (balance, temperance)
- 6) They test spiritual growth by head knowledge, not ministry-service

3. Determined _____—conscience becomes convictions, ages 13-17 (Middle-High School adolescence)

Point 1. We will always give-in to our child's moods until we stop giving in to _____.

- A. Make it so they cannot function without God, in **Lordship**
- B. Make it so they cannot function without you, in **fellowship**

4. Faithful _____—full adult responsibility, age 18+ (adult)

HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH
UNBINDING THE BIBLE
STEPS IN A PERSONAL QUIET TIME WITH GOD

Dig it up. Write it down. Pray it in. Live it out. Pass it on.

Step One: Pick a Short Section by Focusing

How oft in the conflict, when press'd by the foe,
I have fled to my Refuge and breathed out my woe;
How often when trials like sea billows roll,
Have I hidden in thee, O thou Rock of my soul

Step Two: Meditate on it by Reading—three times

A. Read it through **Generally**

ASCERTAIN—Discover the major story

B. Read it through **Specifically**

ANALYZE—Put a title to the chapter, then a title to the paragraph

C. Read it through **Personally**

APPLY—Read it a final time for how it applies to you

Step Three: Understand it by Writing

See Deut 17:18-20, then write out your passage on the *left-hand side* of a page

Step Four: Study it by Referencing

Look up some of the center-column references and put them on the *right side*

Step Five: Preserve it by Recording

Organize and summarize what God has taught you

Step Six: Submit to it by Praying—three aspects

A. Adjustment—Personal **Examination**

ADJUST your thinking, attitudes and action

B. Adoration—Spiritual **Devotion**

TALK as child to his Father and servant to his Master, then listen as a lover to her Groom

C. Asking—General **Intercession**

INTERCEDE for others and intercede for your ministry

Step Seven: Use it in Ministry

A quiet time is not complete until it works itself out in your experience that day

—Alan Shelby