

V. **ENCOURAGE** YOUR CHILD WITH **LOVE**

*“37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.*

*38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,*

*39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*  
Romans 8:37-39

*“7 But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children.*

*8 So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.”*

I Thessalonians 2:7-8

*“My son, give me your heart, And let your eyes observe my ways.”*  
Proverbs 23:26

**What do you need to do to better serve God in your family?**

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Joshua 24:15

**FAMILY MATTERS**  
**Secrets For Successful Parenting**  
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**INTRODUCTION**

**A.** Will your family survive in today’s culture? Many people say that the traditional idea of the family is finished. The family institution today may be fragmented, but it is definitely not finished. Your family can survive and thrive!

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**B.** In this series you will discover the Biblical secrets for a successful family. This eight part series features the following messages:

Feb 8	Secrets To A God-Honoring Family
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Mar 1	Secrets For Great Communication
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This series is for everyone!

**C. TEXT:** Ephesians 5:1 (Pew Bible/Pg. 199/New Testament)

Successful parenting is treating your kids like God treats His kids.

## SECRETS FOR SUCCESSFUL PARENTING

### I. ACCEPT YOUR CHILD WITH UNIQUENESS

*“13 For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb.*

*14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.*

*15 My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.*

*16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.*

*17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!”* Psalm 139:13-17

*“Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.”* Proverbs 22:6

*“For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.”* II Corinthians 10:12

### II. BUILD YOUR CHILD WITH THE BIBLE

*“16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,*

*17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”* II Timothy 3:16-17

*“9 “Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just drawn from the breasts?*

*10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little.”*

Isaiah 28:9-10

*“My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother;”* Proverbs 1:8

### III. CORRECT YOUR CHILD WITH DISCIPLINE

*“5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: “My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;*

*6 For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives.”* Hebrews 12:5-6

*“Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of correction will drive it far from him.”* Proverbs 22:15

*“1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise:*

*3 “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”* Ephesians 6:1-3

### IV. DEVELOP YOUR CHILD WITH RESPONSIBILITY

*“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”* Ephesians 2:10

*“10 He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.*

*12 And if you have not been faithful in what is another man’s, who will give you what is your own?”*

Luke 16:10,12

*“When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.”* I Corinthians 13:11