

# Christian Parenting

1 Corinthians 4:14-21

Parenting is the most important job you have. It allows you to touch the future. Paul saw himself as the spiritual parents of the Corinthians.

## 1. Parents are Compassionate

1 Cor. 4:14-15 I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn *you*. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet *you do not have* many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

Paul looks at it as a father and mother,

1 Thess. 2:7

Heart shaped from foundation of love. 1 Cor. 13 without love nothing

Parents are....

~**Farmers**, 1 Cor. 3:6 I planted, watered, God gives growth

~**Construction workers**, 1 Cor. 3:10 lay foundation, build on it.

~**Stewards of Christ**, 1 Cor. 4:1 dispensers of mysteries God

~ **Compassionate father**, 1 Cor. 4:14-15 Only have one father

What do fathers do? Teach and discipline

4:14 Admonish them as my children. Admonish is respect. To appeal to mind and not manipulate.

## 2. Consistent Teaching

I have to be a teacher to my children.

Deut 6:7. Teach from morning to evening, talk about it

**By example**, 4:16 Imitate me. What if kids became like you?

This demands consistency, 4:17

**By actions**, Heb. 10:24-25 Do not forsake the assembly

Why would your kids take seriously what you do not?

Your kids learn parenting and marriage from you

**Stability**: Matthew 6:33 Always see God first.

## 3. Committed Rulers (Discipline)

Easiest thing to do is let slide under rug: it takes commitment

### Display real love

Hebrews 12:6 The Lord disciplines those whom he loves

**Shepherds Heart**, John 10:11-15 know children by name, they

know my voice

This includes grace and discipline

**Understand cost**, (Scott & Brad) Pro 23:14-15 Strike rod to save from hell.