

Raising Godly Children



HUMILITY, INDUSTRIOUSNESS, AND SELF-WORTH



Parenting Problems



Self-Centeredness



- Children are raised to think the world revolves around them.
- Contributing factors:
 - Love and appreciation for their children
 - Affluence – Lk. 12:15
 - Some would rather pacify their children than parent them

“Tail Wagging the Dog”



- Family structure:

- The family lives in the child's world, rather than the opposite
- Parents are run ragged meeting their child's desires

- Conflict resolution:

- Parents blindly take their child's side in every conflict
- Parents think it is their responsibility to address every insult or slight their child may have faced.

The Results of Self-Centeredness



- Produces a child who...
 - Will cause problems for teachers and fellow students
 - Is an arrogant bully
 - Is weak, cannot stand on their own feet, easily offended, expects of others to bend to their feelings, and expects someone else to fix their problems.
- An adult who...
 - Is a poor friend, citizen, and employee
 - A poor Christian/servant of God – Prov. 19:11; Eccl. 7:21-22

Humility



AND GODLY SELF-WORTH

Humility



- Defined: A modest view of one's own importance, a deep sense of one's (moral) littleness, lowliness of mind
- Humility has eternal consequences
 - Needed to follow Christ – Mt. 16:24
 - Required to receive grace – 1 Pet. 5:5-6
 - Necessary to receive forgiveness – 1 Jn. 1:8-10

Humility and Godly Self-Worth



- Humbling oneself is God's will
 - The second greatest commandment: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" – Matt. 22:38
 - Jesus was the example of humility – Phil. 2:3-4
- Humility is needed for happiness now and in the future
 - It is the only path to true greatness – Matt. 23:11-12
 - It prepares a child for a good marriage – Eph. 5:22-23, 25

Industriousness



AND GODLY SELF-WORTH

Industriousness



- Defined: working diligently, hardworking, conscientious, energetic
- Why do we need to talk about this?
 - Laziness is a real problem
 - Life in the U.S. has changed
 - Those who grew up with fewer responsibilities find it is easy to expect less of their children

Industriousness Produces Godly Self-Worth



- God made us to work – Gen. 2:15; 3:17-19; 2 Thess. 3:12
- It shows wisdom – Prov. 6:6-8
- It helps avoid financial problems and want – Prov. 24:33-34
- It allows one to enjoy one of life's greatest rewards – Eccl. 5:18
- It helps one have a happy marriage – Eccl. 10:18