

# Parenting as Christ's Ambassadors

Loving and Raising Girls for Christ's Glory and their Good

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## Introduction and Outline

### Actively Lay a Biblical Foundation

1. God created women to reflect His glory and the gospel
  - a. Genesis 1 and 2.
    - i. *God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created them, male and female He created them (Gen 1: 27).*
  - b. Isaiah 43: 7. *Everyone who is called by My name, and whom I have created for My glory, whom I have formed, even whom I have made.*
  - c. Ephesians 5: 22-33. Her role in a marriage is to picture the gospel.

*They declare to the world that the Bible is true, that Jesus is real, and that the gospel is the power of God to change lives. Biblical womanhood displays the trust that "God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (Girl Talk. P. 27)*
2. God created women to be equal in value with men
  - a. Again, Genesis 1 and 2. *Both in His image.*
  - b. Proverbs 31. She is highly esteemed and valued. Women who fear the Lord and seek to honor Him in all they do, they shall be praised.
  - c. Galatians 3: 28. *Neither male nor female*, regarding value and worth.
  - d. 1 Peter 3: 7. *Fellow heirs of the grace of life.*

3. God created women to be complementary to men in role and responsibilities – *but different in role and responsibilities*
  - a. Even as the passages above show their great value and worth, many of those same Bible passages will tell our girls that they have a role and responsibilities that differ from a man's.
  - b. Just as an example, look at the ministry opportunities God has called women to in Titus 2: 3-5 and 1 Tim 5: 10. But both Titus and Timothy will also clearly state that being an elder is a role God designed for men, and that church worship is to be done in a certain way.
  - c. More to come in the next section
4. Your time in the Word and in prayer: must be intentional and purposed
  - a. At home and at church
    - i. Read the Bible, devotionals, biographies **together**
    - ii. Watch and discuss movies **together**
    - iii. Listen to sermons in the car **together**
    - iv. Be at church ministries **together, etc.**
  - b. Starts with you and me.
    - i. Cbcvallejo.org. Resources. Sermons.

## Be purposed in your daily instruction and discipline

1. Apply to everyday life what you are teaching her in the Word
  - a. Call them to worship and obedience

Romans 12: 1-2. *Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*

- b. The rubber meets the road – shepherd the heart as you consider
  - i. What does your girl do with her time? What does she watch? Listen to? Spend money on?
- c. Ask her questions – excel still all the more in this
  - i. James 1: 19. *But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger.*
  - ii. How do you think I do when it comes to listening to you?
- d. Expect obedience and honor, but shepherd them through what could be very challenging times

## 2. Be present, be available, be engaged

- a. Make the time. It won't just happen.
  - i. Deuteronomy 6: 7. *<sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.*
- b. Much is caught not taught.
  - i. 1 Corinthians 11: 1. *Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*
- c. Be present and pray that your presence is actually a life that lives out what you expect of her
  - i. What do I do with my time? What do I watch? Listen to? Spend money on?

## 3. Combat the lies directly and aggressively

*The progression to spiritual and emotional bondage begins by simply listening to something that's not true...you just have to be close enough to listen to the lie. (Lies Young Women Believe. P. 29).*

- a. It began long ago – Eve. The father of lies deceived her with lies.
- b. John 8: 32. *And you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.*

## **True Beauty**

The Lies and How they are spread

The Truth of God's Word

## **True Worth**

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## **True Purpose**

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## **True Joy**

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The Truth of God's Word

#### 4. Defend her from evil

- a. Say no when needed. All it takes for evil to prevail is for good men to say nothing and do nothing
- b. Ezekiel 34. What a fearful condemnation of how we can behave.  
*Then the word of the LORD came to me saying, <sup>2</sup>“Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel. Prophesy and say to those shepherds, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Woe, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flock?” <sup>3</sup>You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat sheep without feeding the flock. <sup>4</sup>Those who are sickly you have not strengthened, the diseased you have not healed, the broken you have not bound up, the scattered you have not brought back, nor have you sought for the lost; but with force and with severity you have dominated them...*
- c. What are some reasons why we might not defend our girls spiritually?

#### 5. Encourage, encourage, encourage

- a. 1 Thessalonians 2: 7-12. <sup>7</sup> *But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children. <sup>8</sup> Having so fond an affection 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 very dear to us...just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children, <sup>12</sup> so that you would walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.*
- b. The need for encouragement: for them AND for you
  - i. With your words, but often just with your affirming presence

## Commit to nurturing relationships

### 1. Commit to nurturing her relationship with you

- a. What she can expect from you
  - i. Focus on the goal of raising her to love the Lord

1. Matthew 22: 34-40. Nothing more important. <sup>37</sup> *And He said to him, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND."* <sup>38</sup> *This is the great and foremost commandment.* <sup>39</sup> *The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'*

*God didn't design the mother-daughter relationship primarily so we could feel comfortable, like each other and get along. (Girl Talk. P. 33)*

- b. Know that it is a relationship that changes over time
- c. Who she is to be as a daughter. Ephesians 6: 1-3.
  - i. Honor you as unto the Lord, be obedient, be engaged
    1. God takes this seriously. Leviticus 20: 9. *If there is anyone who curses his father or his mother, he shall surely be put to death; he has cursed his father or his mother, his blood guiltiness is upon him.* Proverbs 20:20, as well as other texts
- d. A quiz (Girl Talk. P. 39):
  - i. Who is the first person you go to with a problem or a question?
  - ii. Whose opinion matters most to you?
  - iii. Whose counsel and advice do you respect the most?
  - iv. Whom do you go to for comfort in difficult times?
  - v. Who do you look to for guidance and direction?
  - vi. Who is the most influential teacher in your life?

Now one last question for us: *what can we do so they come to us?*

## 2. Commit to nurturing her relationship with friends

- a. Who she is to be as a friend
- b. What she looks for in friends
- c. The main theme here: where is the focus? On self or on Jesus?

*Philippians 2: 1-5. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; <sup>4</sup> do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,*

- d. Opportunities for gospel outreach
3. Commit to nurturing her relationship with a potential spouse
    - a. Who she is to be as a wife
    - b. How she prepares for the future
      - i. Homemaker and possibly a mother
    - c. What she looks for in a husband

God did not design marriage to make you happy, but to glorify Himself. (Lies Young Women Believe. Lie # 9).

- d. Being single and/or without children

1 Timothy 5: 10. <sup>10</sup> having a reputation for good works; *and* if she has brought up children, if she has shown hospitality to strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has assisted those in distress, *and* if she has devoted herself to every good work.

## Conclusion

Now, what will you do?

Resources (as with any book, please read with discernment):

- Becoming God's True Woman, various authors Nancy Leigh DeMoss editor
- Girl Talk by Carolyn Mahaney and Nicole Mahaney Whitacre
- Girls Gone Wise by Mary A. Kassian
- Lies Young Women Believe by Nancy Leigh DeMoss and Dannah Gresh
- Spoke For by Robin Jones Gunn and Alyssa Joy Bethke
- True Beauty by Carolyn Mahaney and Nicole Mahaney Whitacre