

## **ANDREW – 1. We have to listen and respect our parents (Ex 20:12)**

Our parents have been chosen by God to be our parents... whether we think that is a good thing or a bad thing... and because they are our parents, they have authority over us... (Ex 20:12) we are to honor them... which in turn means – obey them... to do as they say... respecting them in our heart... trusting they are following Jesus and leading us well!

### **2. Discipline is for our good (Prov. 13:24)**

No one likes being disciplined... no one... However, it is usually for our good. (Prov. 13:24) Whether we have caused this discipline to come upon ourselves or not it is good for us! We learn and grow through... (also like sports training... pruning... the hurt/pain/correction is good for us... it causes growth and maturity)

### **3. When we feel like no one understands, Jesus does (Hebrew 4:15-16)**

In life we often feel as if no one understands us.... especially in our own homes... we feel like we are on our own... doing this ourselves... Maybe your parents don't get you, siblings don't understand... get this – Jesus does... perfectly... (Hebrew 4:15-16)

### **4. We must love Jesus more than our families (Matt. 20:34-39)**

This one may be difficult... our families are the closest relationships we have in our lives... know more than most people (good and bad). We love our families... However, Jesus calls us to love him more... (Matt. 20:34-39)

This is when families work well when we all love Jesus more than we do each other!

### **5. Just because you're young doesn't mean you can't lead! (1 Tim. 4:12).** You are not perfect and get this neither are your parents and siblings... Even though you are the child... you can still be a leader you are supposed to still be a leader...! (1 Tim. 4:12)

## **CHRIS 2 Truths for the Parents: What is the parent to do? How are they to lead?**

**TRUTH – Though you've never been a parent, your parents have been kids, students. Trust them as you trust God daily.**

### **1. Love God with Undivided devotion (I Cor 7:32-35). V.35 common denominator –**

Last week we said this about friendship, that they can become an idol.

This is true for any relationship, especially parenting.

I can't explain the love I have for my kids...but the love for my God must be greater.

The minute it isn't is the minute I begin hurting my kids, even in my pursuit to love them.

#### **I must have an undivided devotion to God first & then let that spill over to every other relationship**

Family is a gift from God but it makes a terrible god. **WHAT? We can't let the created rule over the creator**

So many parents make their children their god, their family their god.

The key is to be a family as God intends. How is that? With God at the center (Deut. 6)

This can go for the whole family, every relationship we have. ....

**Have an undivided devotion to God...with that focus in place we have the understanding,** wisdom, patience, grace and love to navigate through every other relationship.

Doesn't mean it's always going to be perfect, because we're flawed people.

But as we have this undivided devotion to God He works them out for his glory and our good.

### **2. Love them (the kiddos)**

- Lead them** – to the one who holds all things in place. Deut 6 – as you go.
- Discipline them** – a spoiled child makes an authority defying, know it all. Pro. 29:17
- Strengthen them** – build them up without tearing them down. Col. 3:21, Eph. 6:4
- Cherish them** – they are a gift from God, celebrate, adore and cherish them!
- Encourage them** – to walk in love, with God, through Jesus.
- Disciple them** – the parents/house is to be the biggest discipler – youth min. a help

**Ultimately this:**

Our Families should be marked with love, obedience and grace & ultimately rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ!

- How are you functioning in the role you have, in your family?
- What if it's a dysfunctional family? I love, show grace and obey
- Ultimately Col 3:22-24 (an ending section for the home).

**WHATEVER you do...Whatever the question, Whatever the situation.....do it for the Lord, not man.**

You'll never go wrong in this.

PRAY & CLOSE

**Remind about daily devo's, lunch hang, Good Friday Instagram Live possibility?**