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Family Discipleship



LEADING YOUR HOME THROUGH
TIME, MOMENTS, & MILESTONES

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TELLING ANOTHER GENERATION

WHY is the **family** the primary place where discipleship takes place?

Why is that God's good **design**?



No one spends more time with your child than you.

No one knows your child as individually as you.

No one loves your child as unconditionally as you.

No one has more influence on your child than you.



HOW can we be faithful
stewards of this time/influence?

For WHAT purpose does God
want/command us to utilize it?



Make disciples of your children

Teach God's Word diligently to your children

Talk about God's Word in everyday life together

Put reminders of God's Word all around them

Commend God's mighty works to your children

Tell them about His might & His glorious deeds

Train them in His discipline & instruction

Be diligent to **discipline** your children

Provide for your children

Manage your household well

Keep your children **submissive** with all dignity

Do NOT **provoke** your children to anger

Live **peaceably** with your children

Show **compassion** to your children

Be **gentle** with your children

Serve your children in love

Be **affectionately** desirous of them

Give yourself for them

Treat them like you would yourself

Confess your sins against them

Pray for your children

Give **thanks** for your children



1 Corinthians 13

Be **patient** with your children

Bear with your children

Do NOT be **arrogant** or **irritable**

Believe for them

Be **kind** to your children

Hope for them

Do NOT be **resentful** or **rude**

Endure with them

NEVER **stop** loving them



One Another Verses

Love

Honor

Greet

Welcome

Show Hospitality

Agree

Live in Harmony

Be at Peace

Be kind

Forgive

Bear with

Comfort

Care

Confess Sins

Pray

Encourage

Instruct

Teach

Sing

Do Good

Serve

Wait

Be Humble

Submit

Speak Truth

Don't Judge

Don't Provoke

Don't Envy

Don't Speak Evil

Don't Grumble

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... etc



2 Timothy 3:16–17

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”



Family Discipleship Model

#1 – FOUNDATION –

#2 – MODELING –

#3 – TIME –

#4 – MOMENTS –

#5 – MILESTONES –



Deuteronomy 6:4–9

[4] Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the **LORD** is **one**.



“God is an eternal **community** of
love” – Tim Mackie



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FOUNDATION

“Glorify God Together”



Deuteronomy 6:4–9

[4] Hear, O Israel: The LORD **our God**, the LORD is one.



Psalm 100:3

“Know that the LORD, **he is God!** It is he who made us, and **we are his**; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.”



Family Discipleship is
Creator-surrendered **image-bearing!**



FOUNDATION QUESTIONS

1. Is your family oriented around the **reality** & **supremacy** of God? Is that felt or unfelt culturally?
2. Do your children know the **purpose** of your family?
3. Have you ever written a family **mission** statement or made a list of **values** for your family to embody?



Deuteronomy 6:4–9

[5] You shall **love** the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. [6] And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.



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MODELLING

“Love God Personally”



Matthew 6:33

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”



You have to **be** a disciple to make disciples.



Family Discipleship is
incarnational **image-bearing**.



1 Corinthian 11:1

“Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.”



You are **always** discipling.



To **model** a love for God, a parent must first be present, reliable, & relatable.



Jesus is the perfect model of your home.



MODELLING QUESTIONS

1. Are you growing in a **love** for God personally? Are you IN God's Word enough for it to come OUT?
2. Are you serving as a godly **example** for your family, modeling a life of faith & repentance?
3. Do you have a **relationship** with your kids? Is it normal for you to talk about your faith together?



Deuteronomy 6:4–9

[7] You shall **teach** them diligently to your children...



Discipleship **TIME** doesn't happen by accident. You must be **intentional & planful.**



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TIME

“Regularly Plan Teaching”



Everything you do to **intentionally** build **time** into the **rhythm** of your family's life for the purpose of thinking about, talking about, & living out the gospel.



2 Timothy 3:16

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for **teaching**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, and for **training** in righteousness.”



We cannot hope to make disciples of our children without infusing regular time in **God's Word** into our family life together.



Infusing God's Word

Meals – prayer & Bible reading (or MV song)

Bedtime – Bible storybook & catechism songs

School – start with a devotional or blessing

Commutes – worship & kids podcasts



TIME QUESTIONS

1. Are you intentionally **building** any FD time together besides going to church on Sundays?
2. Are you diligently **sharpening** your children with the Word of God? When is good doctrine imparted?
3. Is there any time you already share together that could be consistently & intentionally **leveraged**?



Deuteronomy 6:4–9

... 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.



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MOMENTS

“Presently Ask Questions”



Some of the best parenting we'll ever do
begins with **prayer**.



Discipleship **MOMENTS** won't happen by accident. You must be **prayerful & present.**



MOMENTS QUESTIONS

1. Are you capturing & **leveraging** opportunities in everyday life to have gospel conversations?
2. Are you **aware** of your child's spiritual needs? Do you pray for them & listen for the Spirit's guidance?
3. Are you helping your child to **interpret** ALL of life (TV, school, friends, etc) as *coram deo*?



Deuteronomy 6:4–9

[8] You shall **bind** them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. [9] You shall **write** them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.



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MILESTONES

“Seasonally Prepare Hearts”





F: What is wrong, my son?

S: I am not ready.

F: Have you not prepared to be king your whole life (**FOUNDATION**)? Have you not trained & studied (**TIME**), been by my side (**MODELING**)?



S: That is not what I am talking about. I am not ready to be without you. **(MOMENTS)**

F: A man who has not prepared his children for his own death has failed as a father. Have I ever failed you?

S: Never.



S: Tell me how to best protect Wakanda. I want to be a great king, Baba, just like you. **(MILESTONE)**

F: You're going to struggle so you need to surround yourself with people you trust. You're a good man with a good heart and it's hard for a good man to be king.

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MILESTONES

“Seasonally Prepare Hearts”



MILESTONE QUESTIONS

1. Are you **making** occasions to celebrate & commemorate milestones in the life of your child?
2. Are you **preparing** your child for life's challenges, filling them with truth, courage, & identity?
3. Are you **utilizing** their transitions & adventures to help them remember & trust in the Lord?



Family Discipleship Model

- #1 – **FOUNDATION** – Glorify God Together
- #2 – **MODELING** – Love God Personally
- #3 – **TIME** – Regularly Plan Teaching
- #4 – **MOMENTS** – Presently Ask Questions
- #5 – **MILESTONES** – Seasonally Prepare Hearts



Family Discipleship Model

- #1 – MISSION – Glorify God Together
- #2 – MODELING – Love God Personally
- #3 – METHOD – Regularly Plan Time
- #4 – MOMENTS – Presently Ask Questions
- #5 – MILESTONES – Seasonally Prepare Hearts



Family Discipleship Plan

1. **Make** the plan
2. **Utilize** what you're already doing
3. DON'T **over-idealize** discipleship
4. Stay open-handed & **flexible**
5. DON'T **compare** your plan to other families
6. Plan for failure & **reassessment**
7. **Keep** the plan in front of you





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