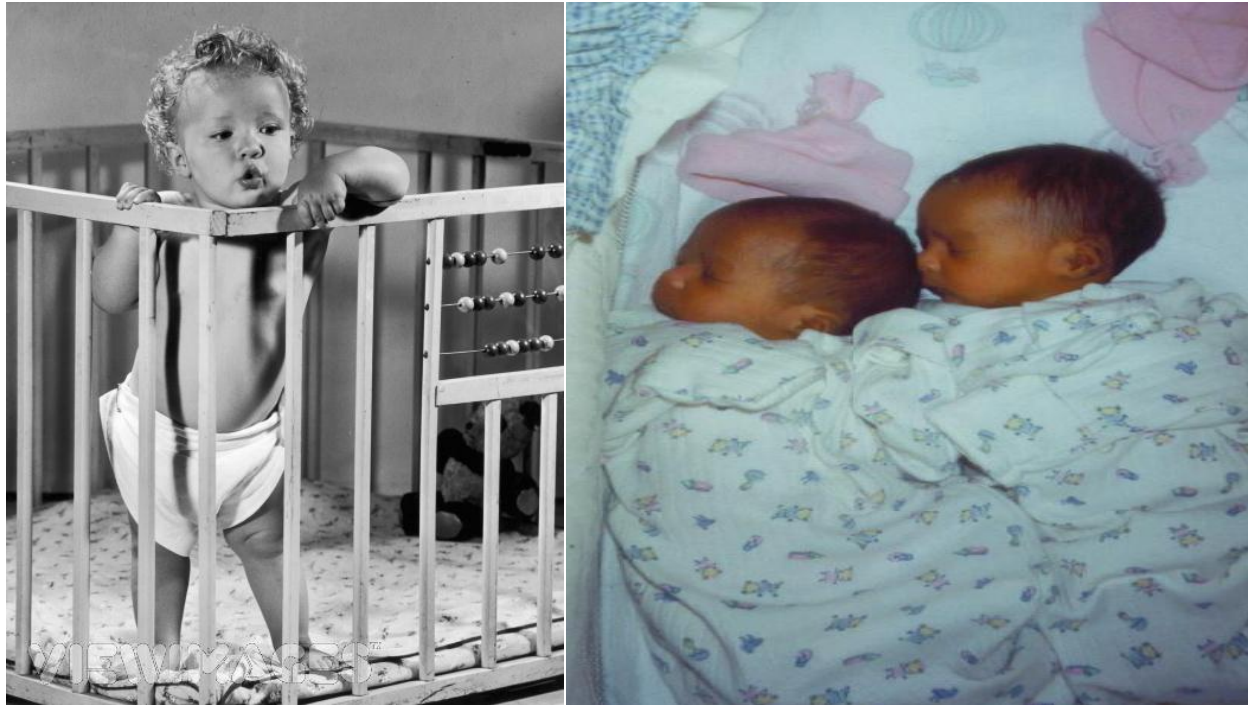


Children of the future



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The next generation

S.O.C FOR THE MINISTRY

- Jdg 2:10 And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and **there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD,** nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.
- Psa 78:4 **We will not hide *them* from their children,** showing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.

FIRST STAGE OF PARENTING

INFANCY

- Age 0-18 months
- Demanding babe
- Self-gratification

TYPE OF PARENTING

- *Parents on call As Love slaves -Nursing Pastor*
- *Acts as his/her Comforter*
- *Sing - talk to the babe*

Parent as a Nurse



Parent as a Pastor/nurse-*infant*

- **1Th 2:7** But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children: **Jer 3:15** And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.
- 1Co 3:2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able *to bear* it, neither yet now are ye able.



- ❖ *aw-man'*
- ❖ *A primitive root; properly to build up or support; to foster as a parent or nurse; figuratively to render (or be) firm or faithful, to trust or believe, to be permanent or quiet; morally to be true or certain; once (in Isa 30:21; to go to the right hand: - hence assurance, believe, bring up, establish, + fail, be faithful (of long continuance, steadfast, sure, surely, trusty, verified), nurse, (-ing father), (put), trust,*

SECOND STAGE OF PARENTING

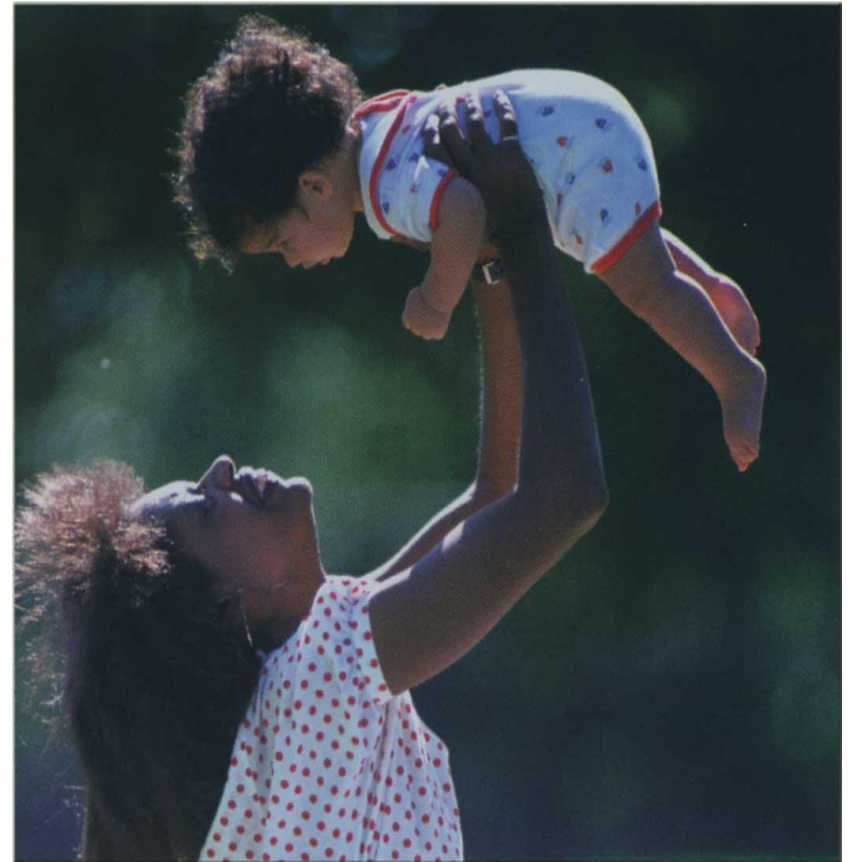
TODDLER

- Age 18 months – 3 yrs
- Experimenting-
exploring child

TYPE OF PARENTING

- *Parents on call as
Safety & loss
preventionist*
- *Tell- show- do-correct*
- *Give Affirmation*

Parent as watchman



Parent as a watchman-*toddler*

- Eze 33:6 But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take *any* person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

❖ *shâmar*

❖ *shaw-mar'*



❖ *A primitive root; properly to hedge about (as with thorns), that is, guard; generally to protect, attend to, etc.: - beware, be circumspect, take heed (to self), keep (-er, self), mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save (self), sure, (that lay) wait (for), watch (-man).*

THIRD STAGE OF PARENTING

PRESCHOOLER

- Age 3- 5 yrs
- Copycat & imitator child

TYPE OF PARENTING

- Parents as Family life educator
- Tell-Show-Explain-Do
- Praise Efforts

Parent as a Shepherd



Parent as shepherd-preschooler

- Isa 40:11 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry *them* in his bosom, *and* shall gently lead those that are with young.

❖ ποιμαίνω

❖ poimainō

❖ pou-mah'ee-no

❖ *From G4166; to tend as a shepherd (or figuratively supervisor): - feed (cattle), rule.*



FOURTH STAGE OF PARENTING

SCHOOL AGE

- Age 6- 11 yrs
- The child begin taking charge of self care

TYPE OF PARENTING

- Parents As Mentor – Overseer
- Tell- Sell-Expect-Do
- Give recognition

Parent as a Overseer



Parent as Overseer- *school age*

- Act 20:27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.
- **Act 20:28** Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.
- Act 20:29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.
- ❖ From H6485; a *superintendent* (civil, military or religious): - which had the charge, governor, office, overseer, [that] was set.
- ❖ *pâqîyd*
- ❖ *paw-keed'*
- ❖ From H6485; a *superintendent* (civil, military or religious): - which had the charge, governor, office, overseer, [that] was set.

FIFTH STAGE OF PARENTING

PRE - TEENAGER

- Age 12-14 yrs
- Entry to puberty
- Parents as Ethics Priest for character
- TYPE OF PARENTING
- Expect – Sell – Problem Solve
- recognition

Parent as a High priest



Parent as Priest- *pre teenage*

- Mal 2:7 For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he *is* the messenger of the LORD of hosts.



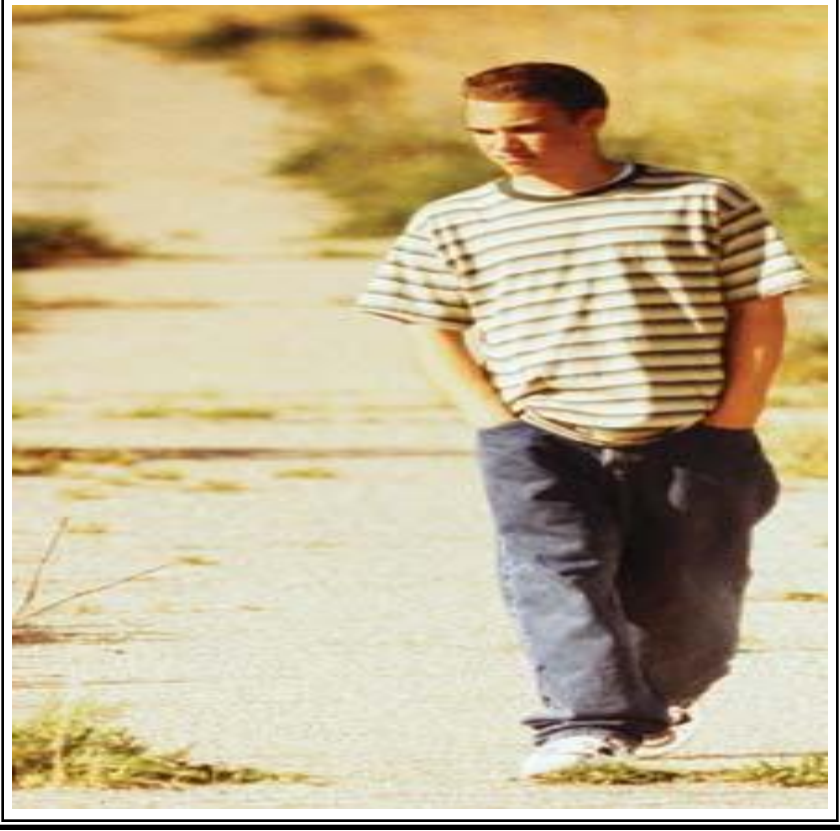
- *mal'âk*
- *mal-awk'*
- *From an unused root meaning to despatch as a deputy; a messenger; specifically of God, that is, an angel (also a prophet, priest or teacher): - ambassador, angel, king, messenger.*

SIXTH STAGE OF PARENTING

TEENAGER

- Age 15 – 18 yrs
- the child seek independence from parents
- TYPE OF PARENTING
- *Parent as a Coach*
- *Expectation- Listen- Sell- coach- counsel*
- *Partial autonomy*

Parent as a Counselor



Parent as Counselor - *teenager*

- Pro 11:14 Where no counsel *is*, the people fall: but in the multitude of counselors *there is* safety (2Ch 22:3 *He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: for his mother was his counselor to do wickedly. .*).



- *yâsad*
- *yaw-sad'*
- *A primitive root; to set (literally or figuratively); intensively to found; reflexively to sit down together, that is, settle, consult: - appoint, take counsel, establish, (lay the, lay for a) found (-ation), instruct, lay, ordain, set, X sure.*

Seventh stage of parenting your adult child

Come of age as young adult...18+ yrs..

- Not a child any more
- Allowed autonomy
- Transfer power to make own decision
- Adult to adult relationship
- Tough love relationship



Conversion to Christianity

- 2Ti 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
- Pro 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

- Water Baptism Acts 2:38



From a cradle to the work place



1Co 13:11

When I was a child,
I spake as a child,
I understood as a child,
I thought as a child:



but when I became a man, I put away
childish things.



Guide them into the future

- Gen 24:3 And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:
- Gen 24:4 But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.

See them off properly



Help them set up a proper Home

Home founded on the rock

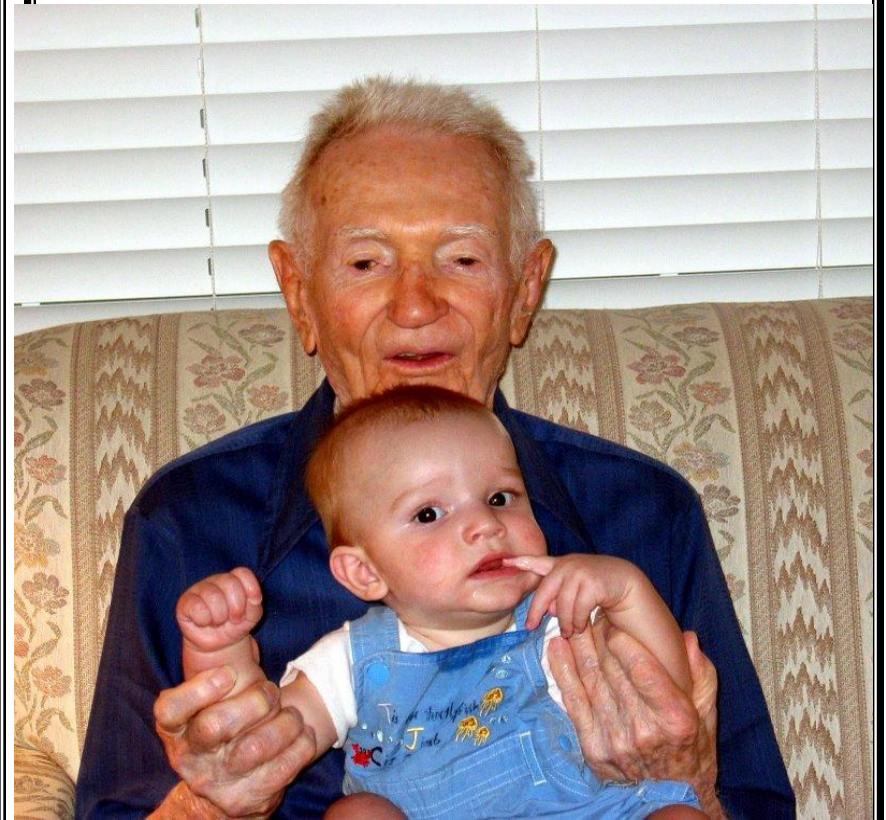


- Mat 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:
- Mat 7:25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock.

GODLY GRAND PARENTING

- **2Ti 1:5** When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

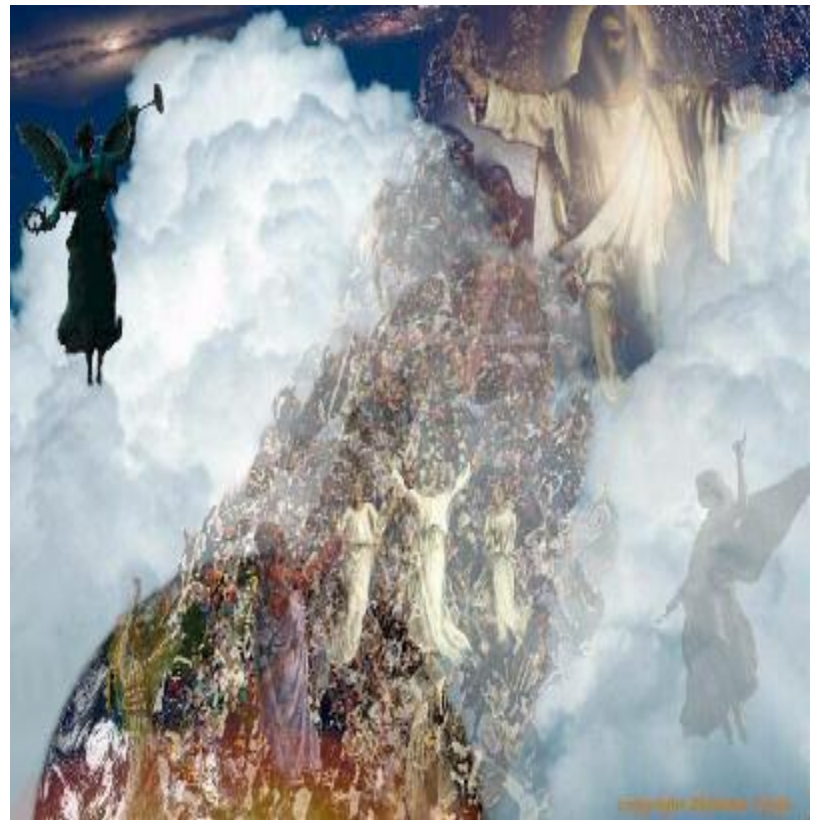
Final stage of Parenting



HOPE THEY GO IN THE RAPTURE

- Gen 19:12 And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides a son-in-law, and thy sons, and thy daughters? and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring *them* out of this place:

- Bring the family out



FINISH YOUR COURSE

We raised them right!



- Give an account to God
- 2Ti 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith: