

cultivate
CULTURE THAT TRAINS
wisdom

The Primary METHOD of Parenting

Cultivate

prepare
or develop
for growing

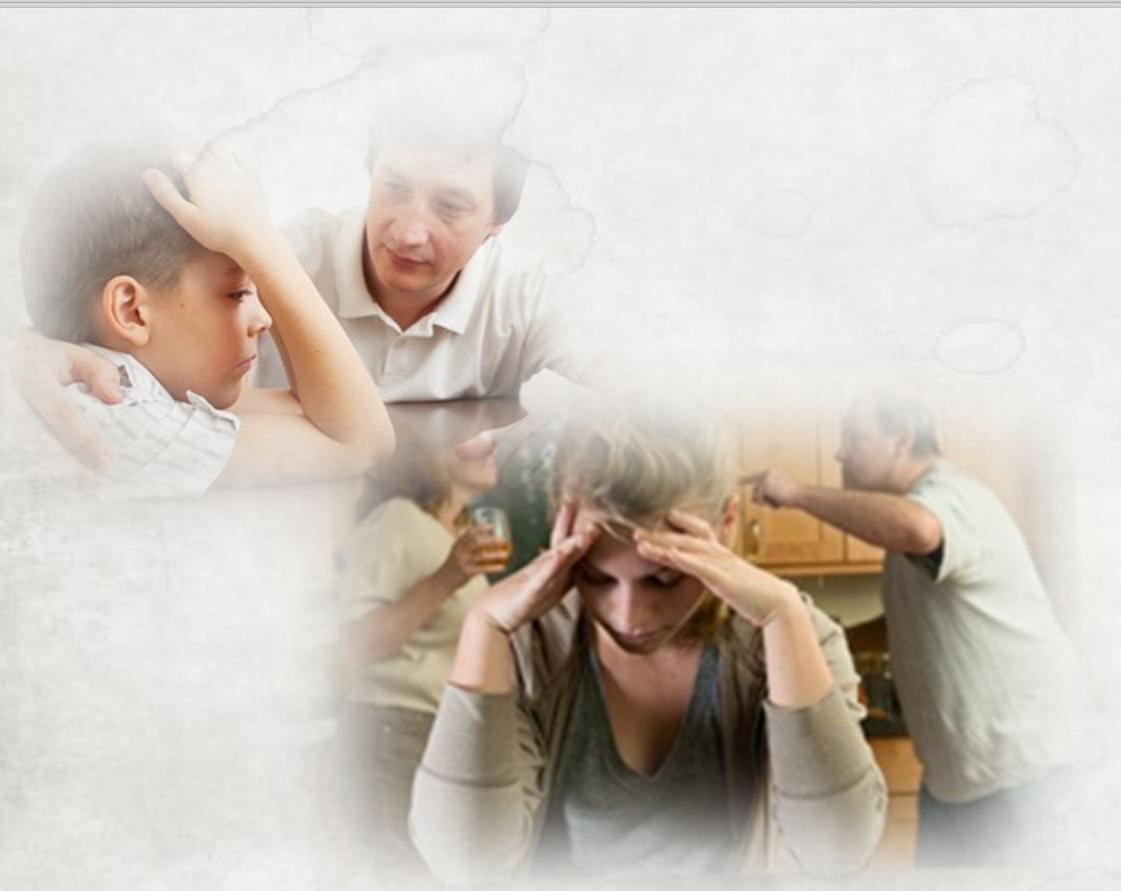


Culture

the customs, arts, social institutions, and achievements of a particular nation, people, or other social group

Businesses
Churches
Families

Culture



family culture

an aggregate of attitudes, ideas and ideals, and environment within a given family unit or home

family culture

Perspective

Family Culture

Values

*What's... Real
Important
Right*



Morality

family culture

*Distinct
Family Culture*

Perspective
Values
Morals



*Church
Culture*



*Contemporary
American
Culture*

Distinctions

family culture

*American
Family Culture*



Perspective
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*American
Christian
Culture*



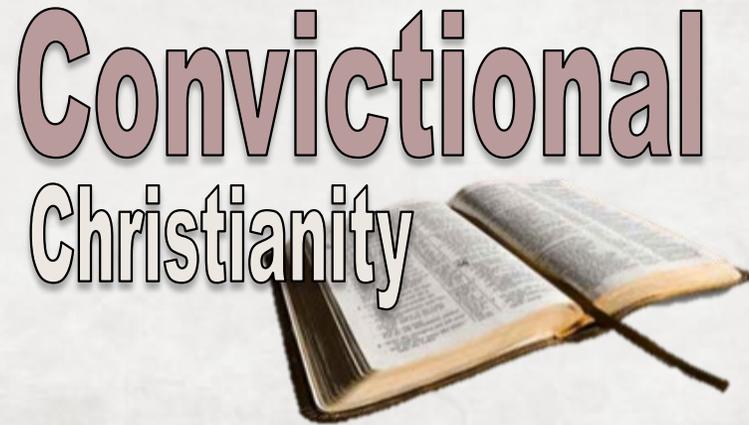
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No Distinctions

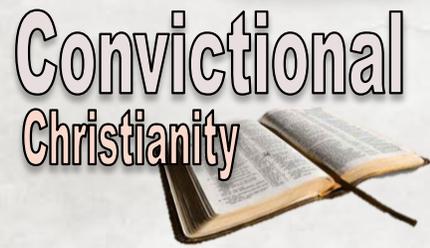
VIDEO

On Our Way to Church

3 Approaches to Christianity



Different in how they...



- 1 Define "Christian"
- 2 View The Bible
- 3 View The Practice of Christianity
- 4 Define Themselves

SIDE BY SIDE COMPARISON

	Cultural	Church-Going	Convictional
Definition of Christian	Personal definition that tends to be influenced by the larger culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Defined by their church which may match personal definition• Equals church attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How Bible defines it• Since there is an objective, ultimate reality, the biblical meaning of Christian applies to everyone

SIDE BY SIDE COMPARISON

	Cultural	Church-Going	Convictional
View of the Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not divinely inspired• Not ultimate authority• Not relevant to life• Multiple, equally valid interpretations• Independent of “Christian”	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May or may not be absolute or relevant to real life• May be used as status in the church rather than a guide for living• Is often ignored or used inappropriately	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is Absolute Truth (Divine Revelation)• Speaks to real life (by the Creator of life)• Practical for life (Source of Wisdom)

SIDE BY SIDE COMPARISON

	Cultural	Church-Going	Convictional
Practice of Christianity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual & private• Christian profession doesn't impact their life• No accountability for practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Institutional & organizational• Involvement often measured by attendance to worship services & other meetings• Status is important• May have little impact on their everyday living	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A personal relationship with the Living God within the Community of Faith• Believers encouraging one another to live lives pleasing to God (Truthing in love)• Believers cooperating together to accomplish Kingdom priorities

SIDE BY SIDE COMPARISON

	Cultural	Church-Going	Convictional
Self-Definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christian profession not core to their identity• Core identity determines Christian commitment• Little difference from Non-Christians	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Church involvement• No distinct Christian identity• In practice, little difference from Cultural Christians or nonreligious persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relationship to God/Community of Faith are core• Determines how they think about and approach everything else in life• Take God's Word very seriously

Main Idea

Creating and maintaining a
family environment that

TRAINS THE HEART
in wisdom.

Key Verse

Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go [teaching him to seek God's wisdom and will for his abilities and talents], Even when he is old he will not depart from it.

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Parenting Practices



Creating an **ENVIRONMENT** in which the Bible is taken seriously (Truth-Valuing)

Providing **LOVING CORRECTION** and **GUIDANCE** in the Way of the Lord

Creating a Truth-Valuing Environment

Deuteronomy 6:5-7

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**. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, 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**.

Creating a Truth-Valuing Environment

Kids learn the Fear of the Lord by being **IMMERSED** in God's Word. It is to permeate every aspect of their lives throughout every part of their day.



Creating a Truth-Valuing Environment

Philippians 3:17

⁵ Brethren, join in **following my example**, and observe those who walk **according to the pattern you have in us**.. NASU

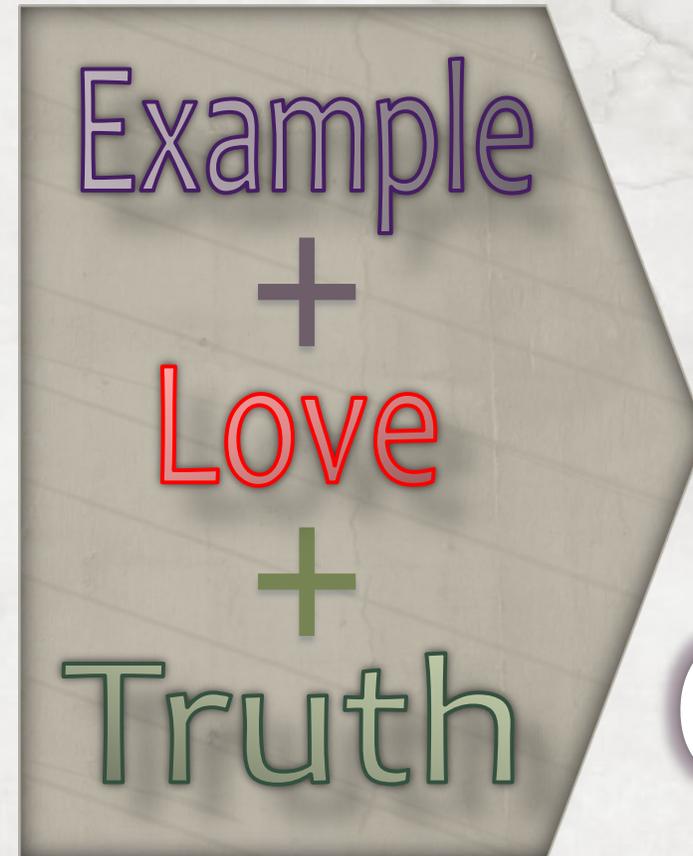
Creating a Truth-Valuing Environment

The more kids see others, beginning with you, living out the Truth of God's Word, especially when choosing to do so costs them, the more credibility the Truth has.

They trust
YOU

They trust the
RELATIONSHIP

They trust the
IDEA



HIGH

Credibility

LOW

Providing Loving Correction & Guidance

Proverbs 22:15

Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The **rod of discipline** [correction administered with godly wisdom and lovingkindness] will remove it far from him.

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Providing Loving Correction & Guidance

Proverbs 13:24

He who withholds the rod [of discipline] hates his son, But he who loves him **disciplines and trains** him **diligently** and **appropriately** [with wisdom and love].

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Providing Loving Correction & Guidance

Proverbs 20:5

A plan (strategy, motive, intention) in the heart of a man is like deep water, But **a man of understanding draws it out.**

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Providing Loving Correction & Guidance

Ephesians 6:4

Fathers, **do not provoke** your children to anger [do not exasperate them to the point of resentment with demands that are trivial or unreasonable or humiliating or abusive; nor by showing favoritism or indifference to any of them], but **bring them up** [tenderly, with lovingkindness] in the **discipline and instruction of the Lord**.

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Two-Dimensional Parenting

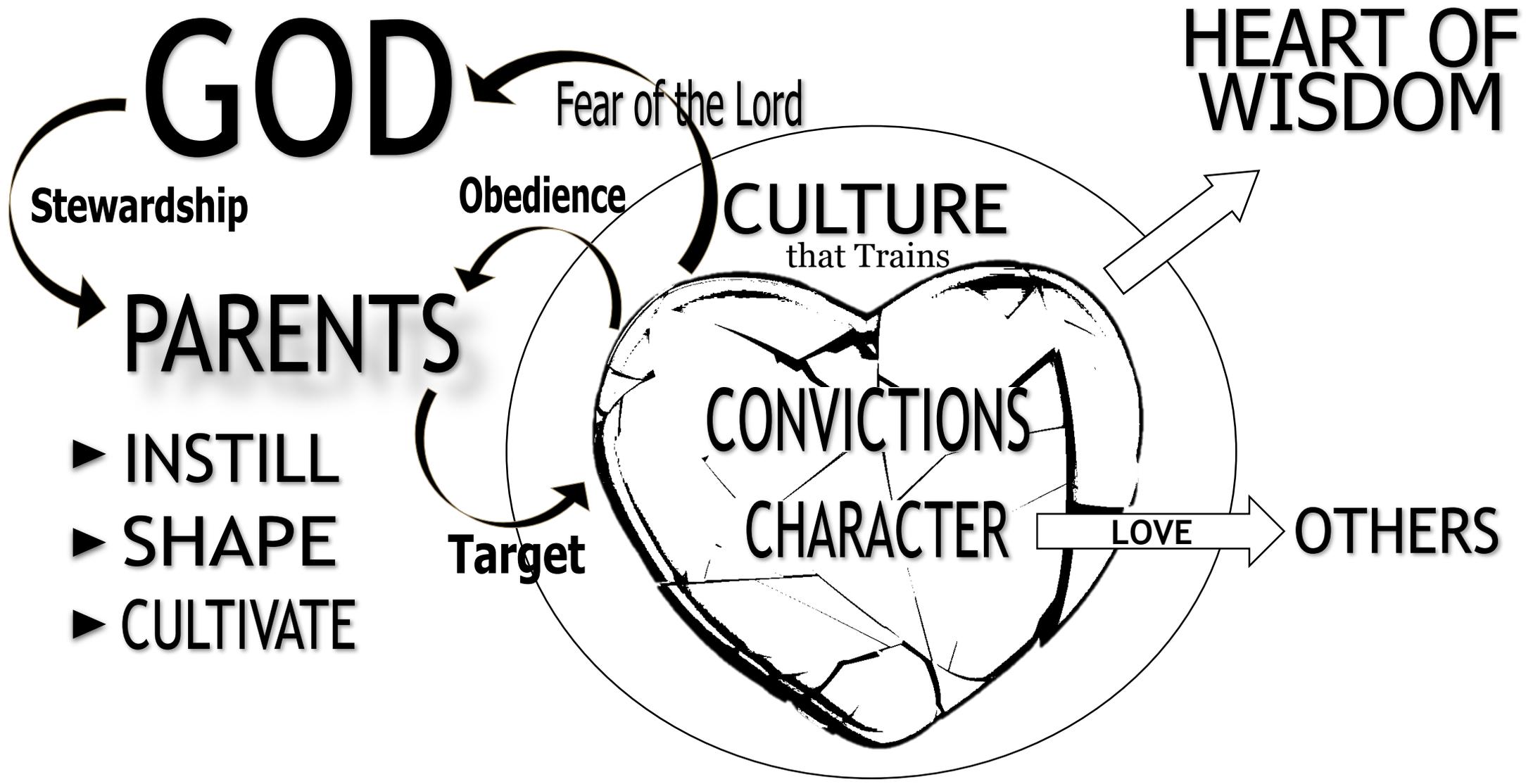
ABOVE YOUR CHILD

SPEAK TRUTH. You **train your child** in the way they should go as God has instructed. You correct them because it leads to real life.



BESIDE YOUR CHILD

RELATE WITH LOVE. You correct your child as **one who understands** them and knows what it is to do wrong. You are also corrected by God.



GOD

Stewardship

PARENTS

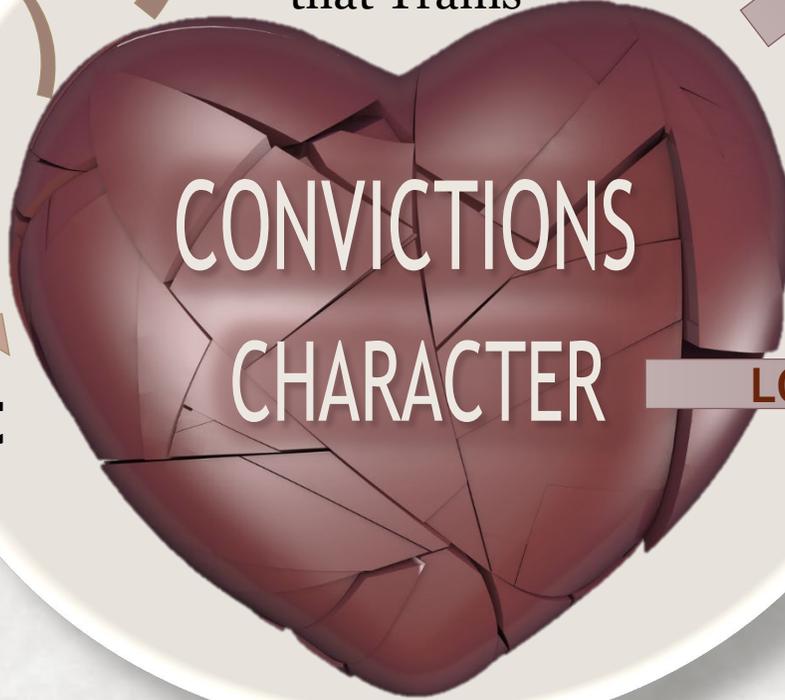
- ▶ INSTILL
- ▶ SHAPE
- ▶ CULTIVATE

Fear of the Lord

Obedience

CULTURE
that Trains

Target



CONVICTIONS
CHARACTER

HEART OF WISDOM

LOVE

OTHERS