

Growing Kids God's Way

Summary Outline - Visit 17 - Chapter 17

I. Introduction

II. Understanding the Power of God's Grace

The three ways in which God communicates grace to mankind

A. _____ Grace

B. _____ Grace

C. _____ Grace

III. Building Family Identity

A. Family identity defined:

Identity is a socializing process by which a person identifies himself with a group he is familiar with, attracted to, or feels empathy with. We derive from our identity associations our sense of belonging, and we give back to these associations various degrees of _____.

What type of family identity do you have?

When your children become old enough to select their own friends, will you have given them any reason to select you? Do your children consider you to be a part of their inner circle of their most loyal and desirable relationships? Be reminded that being their friend is the eventual relational goal of parenting.

B. The Interdependent Family

C. The Independent Family

D. Family Identity and Peer Pressure

Peer pressure on a child is only as strong as family _____ is weak.

E. Family identity is good but not enough. Parents need a _____.

F. Who is raising your child?

Here is a little test you can take to help determine what type of family you are, and who has the greatest influence on your child.

1. Excluding yourself and your spouse, list all the people who spend at least one hour with your child during the course of a week.

2. Next to their names, place the total hours per week they spend with your child.
3. Count the number of people you have listed who have standards and values which differ from your own.
4. Now count the number of hours they spend with your child weekly.

In relationship to your child and his influences, what type of family are you?

IV. Understanding the Relational Goal of Parenting

A. The text:

“No longer do I call you servants (disciples), for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard of my Father, I have made known to you” (John 15:15).

B. The four phases of parenting

1. Phase one: _____ (Birth to 5 years)
2. Phase two: _____ (Age 6 to 12)
3. Phase three: _____ (Age 13 to 17)
4. Phase four: _____ (Age 18 through life)

V. Approving That Which is Excellent

A. Philippians 1:10

1. Approve means to test the way of _____.
2. Excellence means to go over and _____.

B. Three types of moral initiative

1. Good represents the _____ minimum.
2. Better represents your _____.
3. Best represents _____.