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| <p>♥ Am I worth KNOWING?</p> <p>I designed you in the beginning and I search your heart now.</p> | <p>♥ Am I worth INCLUDING?</p> <p>I seek to BOND with you as a part of our family and individually as well. I help you to know our unique place in our family.</p> |
| <p>♥ Am I worth PROTECTING?</p> <p>I provide boundaries and covering for your protection.</p> | <p>♥ Am I worth RESTORING?</p> <p>I walk through the steps of healing with you because I want to restore our relationship.</p> |

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Examples of how God DEMONSTRATES His love to us

- *He calls himself "Abba Father" (Daddy) to us (Mark 14:36/Jesus, Romans 8:15 Galatians 4:6)
- *He tells us we're made in His image (Genesis 1:26) and that we're wonderfully made (Psalm 139)
- *He sings over us (Zephaniah 3:17)
- *He knows the number of hairs on our head (Matthew 10)
- *He searches for us as a shepherd searches for his lost sheep. (Luke 15:1-7)
- *He comforts us in all our afflictions (2 Corinthians 1:4)
- "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness" Jeremiah 31:3

"God demonstrates His love to us in this, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" Romans 5:8

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The earthly family is God's illustration of His relationship with us.

God is our STANDARD for how to DEMONSTRATE love to our children.

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Each heart cries out for an earthly parents' love.

Listen for the desperate brokenness in Esau's voice when he cries out for his father's blessing.

Genesis 27:27 Isaac (father) to Jacob (son): "Ah, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field that the Lord has blessed. May God give you of heaven's dew and of earth's richness- an abundance of grain and new wine. May nations serve you and peoples bow down to you... May those who curse you be cursed and those who bless you be blessed."

Isaac (father) and Esau (son): Esau too prepared some tasty food and brought it to his father. Then he said to him, "My father, sit up and eat some of my game so that you may give me your blessing." His father Isaac asked him, "Who are you?" "I am your son," he answered, "your firstborn, Esau." ...Esau burst out with a loud and bitter cry and said to his father, "Bless me- me too, my father!"

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The Six Questions of a Child's Heart

- ♥ Am I worth TREASURING?
- ♥ Am I worth BELIEVING IN?
- ♥ Am I worth KNOWING?
- ♥ Am I worth INCLUDING?
- ♥ Am I worth PROTECTING?
- ♥ Am I worth RESTORING?

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The Six Essential **Demonstrations** of Your Love that Answer the Questions of Your Child's Heart

Adore

♥ Am I worth TREASURING?

Discover & Discern

♥ Am I worth KNOWING?

Boundaries

♥ Am I worth PROTECTING?

Blessing

♥ Am I worth BELIEVING IN?

Bonding

♥ Am I worth INCLUDING?

Healing

♥ Am I worth RESTORING?

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♥ Am I worth TREASURING?

I Adore you! (Being overwhelmed with joy over your presence)

Display Delight in your child

Your face lights up with a sparkle in your eye and a big smile

Focused Attention

(Age 0-3 Hourly Age 4-10 Multiple Daily Age 11-18 Daily)

Eye contact



Face to face



Proximity



Distance Adorn

(Age 19+ Weekly) Texts, Cards, Calls, Gifts, Asking for Advice, Sharing Prayer Requests, Picture updates

Milestones

-Just in Case You Ever Wonder
-Journal to give them in middle school
-Purity process: Passport to Purity, Secret Keeper Girls, Raising a Modern Day Knight are examples of "rite of passage" opportunities...

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♥ Am I worth KNOWING?

I love you enough to **DISCOVER** who you are and **DISCERN** what is happening on the inside

1 Discover



Unique Design

It will take a lifetime to discover all the special things that your child brings to the world. Develop the ability to show EXCITEMENT about DISCOVERING your wonderful child! The combination of your excitement, your desire to study them, and your insight into who God uniquely designed them to be provides a great deal of confidence in them.



Being a Barometer of your child is...

PRAYERFULLY MONITORING their behavior & attitude while you listen to the Holy Spirit to give you awareness of any possible concerns that may be developing.

2 Discern



Root Parenting

Reaching the Roots and Dealing with the Symptoms

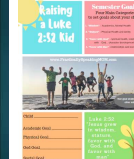
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1. **DISCOVER** – Your child has been uniquely designed by God.

Some helpful resources for discovering more about your child:

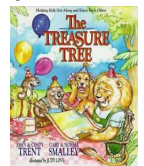
www.5LoveLanguages.com/profile/children Also read the book, The 5 Love Languages of Children. The Treasure Tree as a read aloud with younger children or on-their-own reading for older children.

The Way They Learn by Cynthia Ulrich Tobias to identify your child's learning style.



Raising a Luke 2:52 Kid:

Twice a semester I do a "Luke 2:52" prayerful evaluation of each child. Included in this time is identifying their biggest weakness in each of four areas to get a game plan about those weaknesses. Weaknesses are often STRENGTHS that are disguised.



For teens and older children: www.personalityinsights.com, StrengthFinders 5.0 test

Weaknesses are often STRENGTHS in disguise. What are your child's weaknesses? How might that be strength?

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2. Discern what's going on below the surface –



- A. **Barometer** – constantly be monitoring any symptoms (**behavior & attitude**) and **prayerfully listen to the Holy Spirit** to help you identify when "the pressure is rising" in your child



- B. **Root Parenting** – reaching the root cause of their surface behavior/attitude and deal with the root cause(s). There are four main areas (roots) to search for the cause of trouble:

Physical: Tired/Sick/Exercise/Diet/Allergy

Relational: Isolation/Lonely/Mistreated/Mistreating

Self-Perception: Failure/Fall short or Too High

Spiritual: God-Perception, Rebellion or Sin, Lack of Truth

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Am I worth **PROTECTING**?

I love you enough to provide BOUNDARIES

Inside the Walls: The Child's Boundaries...

Clear and Consistent Boundaries w/ a Gentle Spirit and Firm Resolve

- ▶ provide a feeling of **security** (a child is more likely to take growth risks when she feels it is a safe place to fail)
- ▶ provide a **reference for life**/ a measure of what is appropriate
- ▶ make **decision-making simpler** for parent and child
- ▶ give parents a way to **bless by increasing boundaries gradually** as maturity and accountability increases
- ▶ provide **routine** which increases peace and reduces stress and chaos

Outside the Walls: Other People's Boundaries Toward My Child...

Have you ever experienced an "outside attack" against you?
Falsely Accused
Ridiculed or Rejected
Physically Threatened or Harmed

Emotional
Physical
Relational/Social
Spiritual/Moral

When we defend our children against outside attacks, it displays our love. As they age, our defense may need to look differently – such as equipping them to defend themselves but we never leave them undefended.

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Mercy Seat Parenting: Parenting about the Child's Boundaries

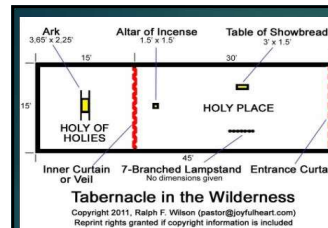
A place of protection and wisdom where parents discuss FIRM boundaries with a GENTLE spirit.

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THE MERCY SEAT
"THE PLACE YOU WILL DISCUSS MY LAWS AND DECREES"



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What does this passage tell us about how God wanted this meeting to be experienced?

Exodus 25:22 (NIV)
"There, above the cover between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the Testimony, I will meet with you and give you all my commands for the Israelites."

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Relational
Sacred Learning
Gentle but firm boundaries

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Am I worth **BELIEVING IN**?

I love you enough to BLESS you.

Be Abundant



Proverbs 18:21
"Death and life are in the power of the tongue; and they that love it shall eat the fruits of it."


Be Visionary



What your child believes about himself has everything to do with who he becomes. **Giving visionary blessing** is using the power of your words to speak **truth and life** into his beliefs about himself.

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Abundant Blessing



1 John 3:1 "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!"

2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

Luke 15 the father of the Prodigal Son:
 "While the son was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fatted calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

1. You see the actions of the father's love. What do each of these actions represent about how he parented?
2. What are actions that you can take to demonstrate these messages to your child?

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♥ Am I worth BELIEVING IN?
I love you enough to give you Abundant BLESSING.

CAUTION WATCH YOUR STEP

LOVE that gives ABUNDANT BLESSING must be...

RELATIONAL – "I am compelled to give you this blessing to affirm my love for you, to show you what my heart feels about you."

SACRIFICIAL – "I am compelled to give to you what would bring you great joy because your joy is one of my favorite things. What I am giving you did not come easily to me so I am not giving it lightly but intentionally at a price because you are worth more to me than what I sacrificed to give this to you."

You are worth my abundant blessing

You also must love relationally and sacrificially

For the Abundant Blessing to be received as LOVE, it should reveal the heart behind the parent's actions – both relational and sacrificial. Not out of desperate need for your child's love to you but out of compulsion from your love for them.

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♥ **Visionary Blessing**

Proverbs 18:21
 "Death and life are in the power of the tongue; and they that love it shall eat the its fruits"
 Hear these verses where God speaks life over us:

The Heavenly Father is our VISIONARY

-Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart, I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

-2 Timothy 1:7 "For God has not give us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline"

Ephesians 5:8 "You are no longer darkness, but light in my Son. Walk as children of light."

Matthew 5 "You are the light of the world." "You are the salt of the earth."


2 Peter 1:3 "I have called you." Revelation 17:14 "I have chosen you."

As our child's visionary we let them know who they are to us and our family, through Christ, and who they are going to be to the world.

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Visionary

Helping our child see what they don't currently see about themselves by speaking truth into their heart




How to Bless Your Child with Visionary Blessing

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♥ Am I worth BELIEVING IN?
I love you enough to BLESS you.

Be Visionary - Helping your child see in himself what he can't see on his own

- "my worth as a child of God"
 - "my worth as your child"
 - "who am I becoming?"



Who your child becomes has everything to do with who they believe they are.

Who do you say they are?

CAUTION WATCH YOUR STEP

If your words say that you do NOT believe in them, they will seek someone else who does tell them what they need to hear.

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Visionary Blessing


A Vision of death in our words

- Diminishing the child's Worth
- Demotivating their efforts with words that say they are not capable of excellence, or kindness, or bravery
- Demanding a good behavior on the outside while not shaping their heart for good on the inside. (Matthew 23:27).

A Vision of Abundant LIFE in my Words

- The LOOK in my eye
- The TONE of my voice
- Motivating their actions by conveying HOPE about their future, BELIEF in their ability, and they're INTENTIONALLY DESIGNED for this moment
- Motivating their efforts toward excellence, kindness in interactions, and bravery in the adventures of life

We hold life or death in power of our tongue (Prov 18:21)



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Examples of VISIONARY WORDS to our Kids:

"Be sure the sound of your voice is not scolding. This is an action of love to your child- **you are demonstrating that you love them so much that you can see good in their future.** You're telling them who you believe they are. This is clear through the tone of your voice and the look in your eye."

"You are a **WISE DECISIONMAKER**- thinking through the options, weighing out the consequences."

"You choose to do the **HARD THING** if it's the best thing. You do what is **BEST**, not of what is easy."

"You put **PEOPLE** above plans and above property (things)."

"You are a **LEADER** - your peers are watching you and as they see confidence in your steps they will also see you as a leader."

"You make it a point to be a **BLESSING** to everyone God brings into your life each day."

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Manager of the Monkeys

Barometer of your Child

Visionary

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Am I worth INCLUDING? I love you enough to BOND with you.

FAMILY IDENTITY and INDIVIDUAL ROLE that each child plays in our family as God's Masterpiece.



TRADITION:
Morning and Evening
Weekly
Holidays

ADVENTURE & DISCOVERY



DIFFICULTY:
Suffering/Crisis/Projects/
Serving One
another/Volunteering

Vulnerability and
Transparency



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Healing

Am I worth Restoring?

Stages of the Restoring Process. Our wounds can become beautiful scars

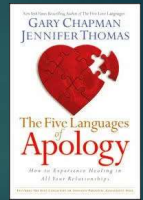
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Seeking to Understand the Pain

Apology

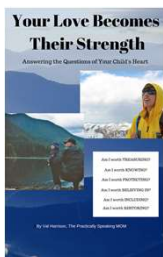
Restitution

Forgiveness



Healing generally takes **time** and, with larger wounds, there are many layers of pain that require **repeating** this process over and over.

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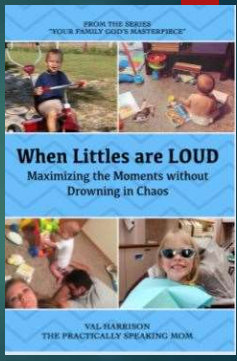
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How are we to get anything done with the other kids when the littlest of the bunch seems to demand our constant attention?

Scheduling a Little's Day in a way that teaches

- independence
- creativity
- confidence
- obedience
- bonding



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Clash in Your Home:
A Game Plan for Cleaning Up the Conflict

"The communication habits your family has TODAY are going to shape countless relationships and situations TOMORROW."



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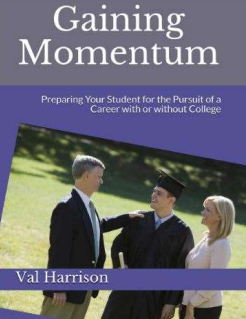
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