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**ME TO WE**

KEYS FOR BUILDING **STRONG FAMILIES AND RELATIONSHIPS**

## #8 HELP, I'M A PARENT! - PART 1

**Proverbs 22:6 (NLT)** Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.

**Proverbs 22:6 (TPT)** Dedicate your children to God and point them in the way that they should go, and the values they've learned from you will be with them for life.

### 1. Know the goal of parenting.

**Matthew 6:26 (NIV)** Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

**Psalms 103:13 (NIV)** As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.

**1 John 3:1 (NIV)** See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

**1 John 4:18 (NIV)** There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

**Ephesians 4:11-13 (NIV)** So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may

be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

**Hebrews 12:8, 9 (NIV)** If you are not disciplined — and everyone undergoes discipline — then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live!

**1 Corinthians 13:11 (TPT)** When I was a child, I spoke about childish matters, for I saw things like a child and reasoned like a child. But the day came when I matured, and I set aside my childish ways.

### 2. Improve your parenting skills.

*Common parenting styles in today's culture:*

- ▶ Helicopter parents.
- ▶ Snow plow parents.
- ▶ Tiger parents.
- ▶ Teddy Bear parents.

*4 categories of parenting skills:*

- ▶ Authoritarian.
- ▶ Permissive.
- ▶ Neglectful.
- ▶ Authoritative.