

SERIES: GENESIS
PARENTING FALLEN CHILDREN

Psalm 51:5; Romans 5:12

1. Adam and Eve's first challenge in parenting was to carry out their **roles as husband and wife that God had assigned them as a model for their fallen children.**

Genesis 2:18; Genesis 3:16

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To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; **in pain you shall bring forth children; your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.**"

a. A wife will either try and control her husband through actively **nagging him or passively withholding her love from him; either way it will compromise the effectiveness of her parenting**
 Colossians 3:18

b. A husband will try to **dominate his wife as a tyrant who is actively declaring he's the boss and demanding submission, which will frustrate his children and wound his wife**

c. A husband will passively try to **dominate his wife by emotionally cutting her off, which is going to provoke his children and wound his wife**

Colossians 3:19

Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.

Ephesians 6:4

And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

Colossians 3:21

Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

2. Parents, you will be challenged to train and discipline your children to **live for the Lord rather than for themselves, because of the constant twisting of God's Word by the enemy – Genesis 2:15, 19**

Genesis 4:1 - Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore **Cain**, and said, "**I have acquired a man from the Lord.**"

2 Then she bore again, this time **his brother** Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

Proverbs 22:6 – Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Deuteronomy 6:4 - "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one!

5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. **6** "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. **7** You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."

What was the **outcome of Adam and Eve's parenting?**

1 John 3:11-12; Genesis 4:25-26

Genesis 4:3 - And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord. **4** Abel also brought of the firstborn of **his flock** and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his offering, **5** but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. **6** So the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? **7** If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. **And its desire is for you**, but you should rule over it." **8** Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and **killed him**.

9 Then the Lord said to Cain, "**Where is Abel your brother?**" He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"