**Discipleship in the Home**

*Week 2: Shaping Influences and Parenting Goals*

“Shaping influences are those events and circumstances in a child’s developmental years that prove to be catalysts for making him the person he is. But the shaping is not automatic; the ways he responds to these events and circumstances determine the effect they have upon him…Two mistakes are made in interacting with the shaping influences of life. The first is seeing shaping influences deterministically. It is the error of assuming that the child is a helpless victim of the circumstances in which he was raised. The second mistake is denial. It is the mistake of saying the child is unaffected by his early childhood experience.”- **Tedd Tripp, Shepherding a Child’s Heart**

“The family is the seminary of church and state…A failure in the first area will not be mended in the second.”- **Thomas Manton**

“Our job is not to pressure our children into a life of begrudged duty. Our role is to extol the surpassing greatness of Christ. We’re to extol Christ so much that everything else feels like rubbish in comparison.” – **Tim Chester, Gospel Centered Family**

**Shaping Influences:**

*The person your child becomes is a product of two things. The first is his life experience. The second is how he interacts with that experience. –* **Tedd Tripp, Shepherding a Child’s Heart**

1. *Family Life-*
2. *Family Values-*
3. *Resolving Conflict-*
4. *Response to Failure-*
5. *Family History-*

**Parenting Goals:**

**What is the goal of “Christian” parenting?**

*Parenting is the process of transferring our worldview to the next generation. By worldview I mean the beliefs, values, self-discipline, and purposes just mentioned.-* **William P. Farley, Gospel-Powered Parenting**

**Unbiblical Goals**

1. *Development of Skills-*
2. *Psychological Goals-*
3. *Get them Saved!*-
4. *Family Devotions-*
5. *Well-Behaved Children*-
6. *Good Education-*
7. *Control-*

**Biblical Goals**

*Q.- What is the chief end of man?*

*A.- The chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.- Westminster Shorter Catechism*

1. *Teach Them to Live for the Glory of God-*
2. *Equip Them to Function Biblically in an Anti-God Culture-*
3. *Teach Them to Use Their Abilities to Glorify God-*
4. *Transfer the Christian Worldview-*
5. *Dazzle Then with the Gospel-*