

Sermon Notes: April 23, 2017

Parents Who Mold Their Children, Part 1

Series: "The Christian Family"

Ephesians 6:4 • Pastor Paul Bradford

- **The Biblical goal is to train our children to understand our Christian faith and put that faith into practice.**

- **The Biblical way to raise children includes seven important parental principles:**
 - Demonstrate unconditional love
 - Require respect
 - Stay connected
 - Give wise guidance
 - Set and consistently enforce healthy boundaries
 - Always bless and never curse your children
 - Be intentional about living and imparting your faith

- **Our Response: Christian parents, in the context of Christian community, are called to lovingly and wisely form our children so that they might understand and live our Christian faith.**

- **Life Application Questions**
 - Do you have a biblical vision of what God wants your child to be?
 - What steps can you take this week to train your child in one aspect of God's vision for their life?
 - How can you effectively connect with your child?
 - Are you blessing your children in your words and actions?
 - Is your faith lived out and continually talked about in your home?