

## God Marriage and Family-Lesson 8-Parenting, Schooling, and Spiritual Warfare

I.) Parenting: A.) Methodologies: advantages and weaknesses (see chart) B.) Single parenting  
C.) Physical discipline D.) Cultivating gender E.) Principles of discipline

II.) Spiritual Warfare: A.) Origins of the battle B.) Battle for the mind C.) The Devil's  
Toolbox: 1. Sexual immorality 2. Unrighteous anger 3. Callous harshness D.) How to fight the  
good fight: 1. Maintain an awareness that there is a battle raging. 2. Know your enemy. 3. Use  
the proper weapons, defense strategies and principles specified in the war manual. (See the  
second chart for a summary of C. and D.)

III.) Family Ways and Traditions: A.) Family worship and diligent involvement in all the  
ordinary external means Christ uses to bring us the benefits of our salvation (Shorter Catechism  
Question #85) B. Family Traditions C.) Wholesome family activities D.) Christian Education  
1. Christian schools, private schools and government schools: pros and cons 2. Covenantal  
aspects of homeschooling and Christian schooling alternatives 3. Examination of some blind  
spots in parent controlled schooling: self-centered dreams, family as an idol, emphasis on  
outward form, tendency to judge, overdependence on authority and control, overreliance upon  
sheltering, formulaic parenting breaking down relationships, seeking to manipulate children  
rather than seeing them as people, seeking methods more than seeking Jesus  
([http://www.familyministries.com/HS\\_Crisis.htm](http://www.familyministries.com/HS_Crisis.htm)).

IV.) Finally, a closer look at the reformed Doctrine of Covenantal Succession and its  
implications and, time permitting; questions in general, and discussion