

Workshop Handout
Child Training – Building a Foundation for Enjoyable Learning

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Parenting is one of those topics about which people often set up camps in their preferred territory and lob ‘bombs’ at anyone who disagrees with or questions their philosophies. So it is with some hesitancy that I even attempt a list of suggested resources.

It is highly possible that you won’t agree with my suggestions. That’s okay.

Each family is different and decides on their own path in parenting, and the fact that someone else chooses a different path deserves our respect – not necessarily agreement, but respect.

Recognize that our personal experiences with our own childhoods greatly affect the ‘glasses’ through which we ‘see’ parenting principles. Often we attach our negative or positive feelings to an author’s writing, even though it isn’t actually what the author says. It is often said that the hearer determines the message, not the speaker.

I encourage you to ask God to help you see principles that might be helpful to you and to refrain from responding with thinking that starts with “well, I once heard of someone who did that and their child.....” fill in the blank with the most horrible thing you can think of.

Dads and Moms, you need to come to a decision together based on genuine research and prayer.

Suggested Resources to Consider for **practical** training ideas:– (other books are more suited to the topic of capturing your children’s hearts for God or a Biblical understanding of child training goals)

Say Goodbye to Whining, Complaining and Bad Attitudes – Turansky

On Becoming Childwise; Pre-Teen Wise,:Teen Wise - Ezzo

How to Have a New Kid by Friday – Leman

Child Training Tips – Bradley

The 21 Rules of This House – Harris

Secrets of the Baby Whisperer - Hogg