

## ***7. Don't Just Discipline, Teach It!***

Discipline (the *course* a disciple/follower follows) requires vision (the ability to see the one we are following, and the road we are following on). Discipline is a commitment to vision. Discipline helps us to overcome fatigue, enabling us to co-opt it to serve our vision. I cannot have discipline without clarity. Undisciplined people are unfocused and unclear. Whole households invest in clarity. They do whatever is necessary to get clear, because they know that once they do, they have the foundation for discipline, which is the backbone of success.

Train children how to get clear and find clarity, and you have given them the building block of discipline. Teach them how to see. To do this we must limit and control what they see, because spiritual inner vision and outer vision exist on the same data line. We can only do one at a time, so we must choose to which one we will give priority. Parents must give their children what to see.

Develop vision training and instilling techniques and principles, and impart them to kids. Parents must invest in learning how to teach kids to see.

I see the most important thing I can do as a man for my children is to not just provide for or protect them, but to *vide* for them--give them vision. To give them a picture to work with by telling them who they are so they can go and *be* in their world. To keep and protect them from being defined solely by their context, and empower them to define (or at least affect) the context they find themselves in (living overflow lives from a healed cistern-soul).

Ask Yahweh to show you how to speak vision to your kids. Ask for words that will help them to see with clarity and walk with confidence. Adopt Johnny Nash's song, *I Can See Clearly Now*, as your family anthem.

Keep *vision* before your kids and family. Create a vision board for the kitchen and family room. This is an outward reminder of an inner vision the family shares. Shared vision is formative and powerful. And it is most powerful when it is imparted by Yahweh.

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- 🍷 Train kids how to get clear
- 🍷 Develop vision training methods
- 🍷 Ask Yahweh how to speak vision
- 🍷 Create a family anthem
- 🍷 Keep the vision in front of kids
- 🍷 Show kids what to look at
- 🍷 Expose kids to bursts and rituals
- 🍷 Write the vision for your kids
- 🍷 Discipline yourself

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Self-formed visions lack eternal power, but Yahweh vision must come to pass.

Teach children what to look at (in themselves, in the word, and in Yahweh). This will help them to know who they are. They have to know who they are before they can be it and walk in it. Constantly pointing them to their failures, flaws and negatives will cause them to walk in those things more, because that's all they will see, therefore they will believe that's all they are. Help them to see who they really are by first hearing from Yahweh and knowing who He really is. This is an important part of showing and teaching kids *how* to see.

Supervising a child is a significant way to teach vision...that's love, looking at and seeing your children.

A dad's job, like a pastor's, is to speak vision to those under his care. This is motivation and daily bread, fuel.

Jesus didn't study the kingdom in a school in order to teach it. He didn't get a PhD in Kingdomology. He lived it, and then spent his ministry showing and teaching others the kingdom, and how to live it, by demonstration and proclamation. Doctrine isn't something you learn in school and re-teach; it's the expression of what you've lived and know/n experientially. That's why Jesus' doctrine had power, because he was living it. The same is true of parenting.

Both parents must be disciplined and

following the same discipline for the children to be disciplined. Children learn and acquire discipline from parents. When both parents are not disciplined (following the same course) it will produce conflict in the child, in the household, and in the parental relationship. Harmony, the foundation of discipline, begins with the parents having a shared vision, and then sharing that vision with the children, who in turn walk in a shared vision in the household and with themselves.

Teach children about bursts and rituals: about living life ritualistically with occasional bursts rather than living by bursts with occasional seasons of ritual. Discipline demands ritual. Yahweh gave me a writing ritual. He also gave me a prayer ritual, a workout ritual, and a faith snack ritual.

Write the vision for your kids (*Habakkuk 2:2-3*)<sup>15</sup> and give it to them on Father's Day, their birthday, and any day of achievement or transition (graduation, wedding, etc.).

You can't be a disciple until you hear someone say, *follow me*. Parents must be ready to disciple their children by saying to them, *follow me*, and then pouring themselves into their children. This is another instance of giving one's self away. The now popular notion that parents should not lay out a path for their children to follow, but allow them to find their own path, is the product of lazy parenting, and produces meandering, undisciplined children who never achieve their potential because they were never disciplined. We don't find our paths, we submit to them when we hear our name called and our path pointed out to us.

Every child needs to go through a season of having dad tell them what to do, and then doing it. Only after you've been through such a season of obedience to a clear word from a father will you be ready to receive *vision* for yourself about which way to go, because dad will be able to trust you with vision. Teens who were

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<sup>15</sup> *Habakkuk 2:2-3* (KJV) And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. <sup>3</sup>For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

obedient preadolescents will be able to make better decisions and see better vision because they are built on a foundation of obedience (and to the obedient more is given – *Mark 4:24*).<sup>16</sup>

All daddy projected girls need to go through a period of being told what to do by a father figure in order to achieve balance in their lives.

How disciplined are you? What you are able to resist determines how disciplined you are: fashion, females, food, fun, fear, fame, finances. These are the seven *F*'s of discipline. *How Many Fs in Discipline? 7!*

Projects often don't know what they are running to because their inner eye is dark. Parents impart light to the *inner* eye by speaking spiritual identity into the heart of their child. No word impartation, no awareness of an inner life, no vision, no goal to run to, resulting in a stagnant life.

### ***8. Eliminate Judgment***

In whole households a judgmental spirit is identified and devalued, and judgmental behavior is attacked with purpose and eliminated. People with judgmental spirits don't know they have judgmental spirits (*Luke 9:51-56*),<sup>17</sup> so it always has to be pointed out to them in whole households rather than giving them space to come to the realization on their own. They have spiritual gifts, but don't know what kind of spirit they are walking in. It takes a

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<sup>16</sup> Mark 4:24 (KJV) And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.

<sup>17</sup> *Luke 9:51-56* (KJV) And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, <sup>52</sup>And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. <sup>53</sup>And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? <sup>55</sup>But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. <sup>56</sup>For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.