

12 Practical Commandments III

Parenting & Fellowship

1 Peter 1:2

Practical command #6: Joyfully train your children (Eph 6:4; Col 3:20-21)

Common causes of emotional wounding

- 1) Being angry with them.
- 2) Being angry with your spouse.
- 3) Being inconsistent in what you are expecting and communicating to them.
- 4) Expecting more from them than they are able to do.
- 5) Depriving them of their “love language.”
- 6) Ignoring or dismissing them when they are emotional or hurt.

Practical command #7: Joyfully pursue friendship in your church family

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. (John 13:34)

Above all, love each other deeply (1 Pet 4:8)

Love the family of believers (1 Pet 2:17)

- The Apostle Peter said there is nothing in your life that is more important than loving the people in your church. (1 John 4:20-21; John 15:13; Eph 5:25)
- Perhaps the most painful thing that Christ expects us to do is to love people who do not love us. (Matt 5:46; 2 Cor 12:15)

L.I.F.E. Group ?'s

- 1) What was most meaningful to you about the Sunday message?
- 2) If you are a parent, what are things you have done to protect your child from emotional wounding?
- 3) If you are a parent, what is a helpful thing you have done to train your children to love God and people?
- 4) How would you describe the biblical standard for what Christian fellowship is supposed to look like?
- 5) How has Christian friendships blessed your life?
- 6) What have been the challenges to pursuing biblical friendships? What helps you overcome these?