

**PRINCIPLE #1: YOU MUST UNDERSTAND YOUR ASSIGNMENT FROM GOD
(Ephesians 6:4)**

- Why this series?
- What will we cover?
- How will we do this?
- How will you receive maximal benefit from this study?
- What if you have heard this scriptural teaching before?
- **What is your God-given parenting assignment? (Ephesians 6:4)**
 - 1) **The *recipients* of these instructions are “And _____”.**
What does this assume?
 - 2) **The *negative command* is: “do not _____ your child to _____.”**
 - 3) **The *positive goal* is: “but _____ them _____ in the _____ and _____ of the Lord”.**

Some questions to ask & answer:

- Do you recognize that you & your children are in a spiritual battle and that Satan is using the world-system to target your children for deception & destruction?
- Are you apprehending God’s perspective on parenting or aping the world’s perspectives?
- Are you clear or cloudy in your parenting assignments or goals, and do you evaluate your priorities in light of them?
- Do you recognize your parental responsibilities or are you reluctant or too distracted to embrace them?
- Are your children receiving a biblical world view or the world’s perversion of it?
- Are your children clear or confused on their identities and genders?
- Do your children show respect or reject your parental authority?
- Do you merely talk to your children, or do you train them?
- Do you merely mandate to your children or model viewpoints, attitudes, and virtues to them?

- Do you recognize the power of the WOG, prayer, and the ministry of the Holy Spirit in your parenting?
- Do you wish obedience or require it of your children?
- Are you disciplined in your discipline of your children?
- Is your discipline an end in itself or a means to a greater end?
- Are you repeatedly excusing your children's disobedience or teaching them responsibility for their decisions?
- Do you factor the child's volition or will into your training?
- Do you realize that your home could be creating many problems instead of solving them?
- Is your home child-centered or Christ & parent centered?
- Are you provoking your children to wrath or prompting them to obedience?
- Do you know how to lead your child to salvation through faith alone in Christ alone?
- Is your ultimate identity in Christ or in your parenting?
- Are you satisfied with accomplishments & behavior or are you strongly concerned about their attitudes & beliefs?
- Do you truly love your children, or do you simply want them to like you?
- Do you expect obedience the first time or the fourth time you tell them?
- Do you regulate your children's friends and social media or default this to them?
- Where does God's grace factor into your parenting and in your child's training?
- Do you attempt parenting in your own wisdom and strength, or do you rely on the Lord's wisdom & strength for all that you need?
- Do you recognize the powerful influence of a godly grandparent?
- Can God overcome the failures of your home?
- Where does a sound Bible-believing local church fit into your parenting?