

Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles  
Study Questions Chapter 8 & Chapter 9

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1. In **Chapter 8**, what is the Gospel Principle of Authority?
2. What is the thing that shapes, directs, and controls our children's behavior?
3. Why is authority an important heart issue for every child?
4. What is the fundamental battle of the heart?
5. Why is rejecting authority such a serious issue?
6. What picture of God's authority are you giving your children by the way you exercise yours?
7. How can you combine moments of discipline with patient, insight-giving instruction?
8. What is obedience? And where does true obedience always begin?
9. How can you exercise your authority in your children's lives with patience and grace?
10. In **Chapter 9**, what is the Gospel Principle of Foolishness?
11. All of our lives are controlled by our hearts. What is a biblical definition of the heart?
12. Why do your children disobey?
13. If your parenting focuses on the heart, what two things must you keep in mind?
14. What must accompany discipline and correction? Why?
15. What is necessary for lasting heart change?
16. What is the greatest danger to us and our children?
17. What is foolishness?
18. Tripp gives us four words to help us parent fools. What are they and how do we apply them?
19. The mystery of God's way is that he sends fools to rescue fools. How can we deal with our own foolishness?