

# Review of Past Parenting Sermons

- 1) **Protecting God's Interest:** Throughout the book of Deuteronomy, God claims children and calls parents to teach, be examples of devotion to God, destroy idols and set up memorials to keep them trusting God.
- 2) **Generational Vision:** Psalm 78 God's expectation of multi-generational faith, and Jesus' discipleship strategy to do it (Matt. 28:18ff).
- 3) **Training Children:** Proverbs 22:6 (command to "train up" positively) and the Deut. 6 strategy for doing that with continuous, enthusiastic instruction.
- 4) **Disciplining Children:** Eph. 6:4 – The N.T. command to raise children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord – and the Proverbs on how to do that through verbal confrontation and use of the rod.

# Loving Your Children Uniquely

**Parenting appropriately to Personality, Gender, & Age**

# Parenting Different Personalities

SOS 8:9 אִם-חֹמֶה הִיא נִבְנֶה עָלֶיהָ טִירַת כֶּסֶף וְאִם-דֶּלֶת הִיא נִצְוֹר עָלֶיהָ לֹחַ אֶרֶז:

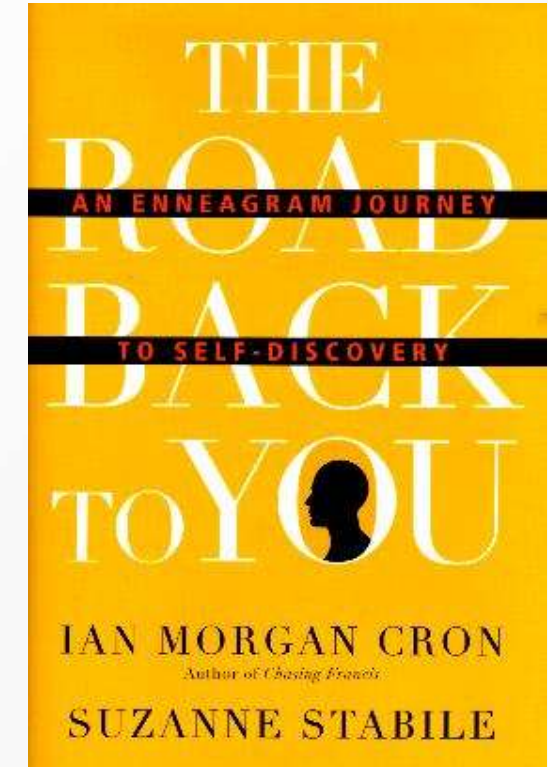
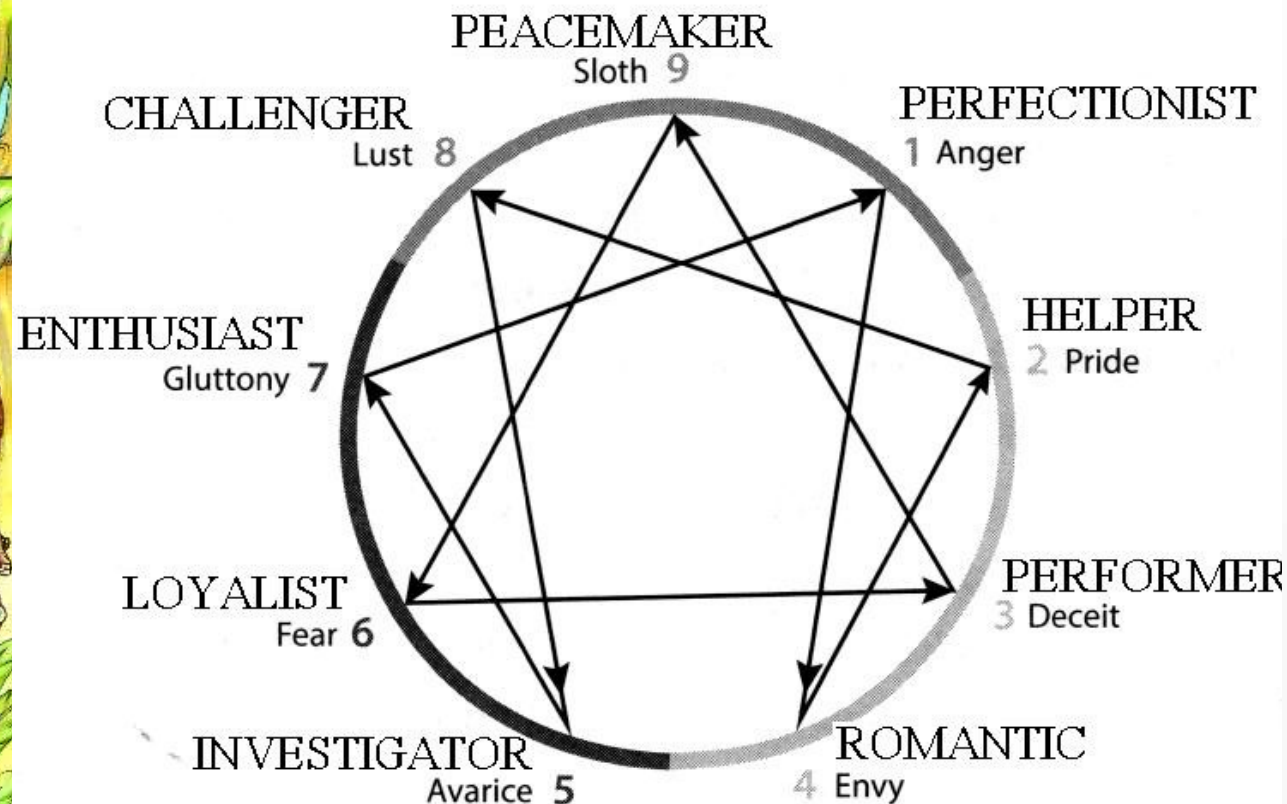
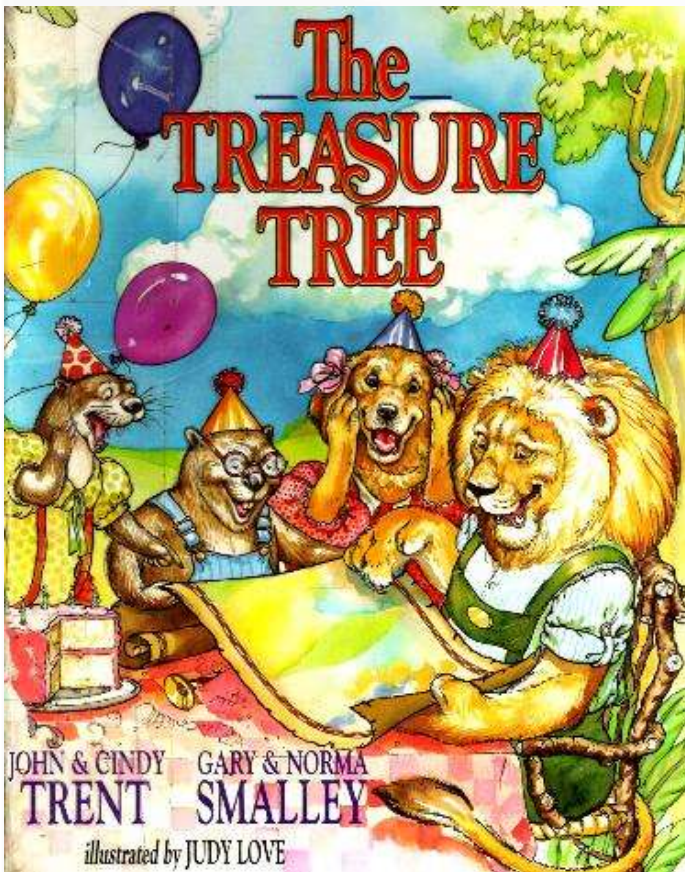
**Canticles 8:9** If she is a wall we will build a silver turret upon her, but if she is a swinging-door we will fortify her with a cedar plank.

(NAW)

- She = Unmarried sister: Keil & Delitzsch, Adam Clarke, Albert Barnes, Study bibles
- She = Church: Matthew Henry, John Wesley, John Gill, A.R. Faussett
- **Different things are appropriate for different people:**
  - something flashy for a “wall,”
  - something to fortify a “door”

# Parenting Different Personalities

- Wall or door (Introvert/Extrovert?) - Song of Solomon
- Prophet, Priest, King (Visionary, Steady, Command/Go-to ~Pearls)
- D/Choleric/Lion, I/Sanguine/Otter, S/Phlegmatic, C/Melancholic/Beaver
- Myers-Briggs Personality Survey (4x2 characteristics)/ Anneagram, etc.



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## Personality types:

### Spiritual Gifts:

- Administration,
  - Creative Ability,
  - Discernment,
  - Encouragement,
  - Evangelism,
  - Faith,
  - Giving,
  - Hospitality,
  - Intercession,
  - Leadership,
  - Mercy,
  - Prophecy,
  - Service,
  - Shepherding,
  - Teaching
- (1 Cor. 12, Spiritual Gift Surveys)



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**Personality types:** Introvert-Extrovert, Prophet-Priest-King, D-I-S-C, Myers-Briggs, Anneagram, etc.

**Spiritual Gifts:** Administration, Creative Ability, Discernment, Encouragement, Evangelism, Faith, Giving, Hospitality, Intercession, Leadership, Mercy, Prophecy, Service, Shepherding, Teaching (1 Cor. 12, etc.)

**Love languages:** (*The Five Love Languages*, by Gary Chapman)



# Parenting Different Genders

**God made two genders: male & female** (Genesis 1:27 “God created man in His own image. In the image of God He created him; male and female he created them.”)

THEREFORE: Design differences must be taken into account, for instance:

- Eye differences affect learning: Color/Texture vs. Movement
- Pain response: Adrenaline vs. Oxytocin



# Parenting Different **Genders**

**God gave different callings to man & woman:** Parents should prepare them for God's calling

<b>Gen. 3</b>	16 To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your pain in <b>childbirth</b> ; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your <b>husband</b> , And he shall rule over you."	18 to Adam He said, "...Cursed is the ground for your sake; In <b>toil</b> you shall eat of it ... thorns & thistles it shall bring forth for you... In the <b>sweat</b> of your face you shall eat ...")
<b>Titus 2</b>	4 admonish the young women to <b>love</b> their <b>husbands</b> , to love their <b>children</b> , to be discreet, chaste, <b>homemakers</b> ....	6) exhort... men to be sober-minded... good works; integrity in <b>doctrine</b> , reverence, incorruptible, sound <b>speech</b> ...
<b>Exo. 21</b>	<b>7</b> And if a man sells his daughter to be a female slave, she shall <b>not</b> go out as the male slaves do [first try arranging a marriage].	<b>2</b> If you buy a Hebrew servant, he shall serve six years; and in the seventh he shall go out <b>free</b> and pay nothing.
<b>Ps. 144</b>	12 That our daughters may be as <b>pillars</b> , Sculptured in <b>palace</b> style	That our sons may be as <b>plants</b> grown up in their youth;
<b>1Tim. 2</b>	9) ... women adorn... with moderation... good works ... not... teach or have authority over a man, but be in silence... saved in <b>childbearing</b>	8 I desire therefore that the men <b>pray everywhere</b> , lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;



# Parenting Different Ages

## Infancy: Authority, Will, Repetition of Good

**Isa. 28:9-10** Whom will he teach knowledge? ... Those just weaned from milk? ... For, Precept to precept, precept to precept, line to line, line to line, a little there, a little there

**Heb. 5:12-13** ...you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.

**1 Pet. 2:2** - as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow.

**1 Cor. 3:1-2** - And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able;



# Parenting Different **Ages**

**Infancy: Authority, Will, Repetition of Good**

**Childhood: Bible-reading, Self-control, Chores, Joy of discovery, Learn to Love**

**Ecc. 11:9** - Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, And let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth; Walk in the ways of your heart, And in the sight of your eyes; But know that for all these God will bring you into judgment.

**Ecc. 12:1** - Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days

**Lam. 3:27** - It is good for a man to bear the yoke in his youth.

**Exo 12:26-27** And it shall be, when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' that you shall say, 'It is the Passover sacrifice of the LORD, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians...



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**Childhood – Bible-reading, Self-control, Joy of discovery, Learning to Love**

**Adolescence: Coached adulthood** (cf. *Raising A Modern-Day Knight*, by Robert Lewis)

**Num. 30:3-5** if a woman makes a vow to the LORD, and binds herself by some agreement while in her father's house in her youth and her father hears ... and holds his peace, then all her vows shall stand... But if her father overrules her on the day that he hears, then none of her vows nor her agreements by which she has bound herself shall stand...

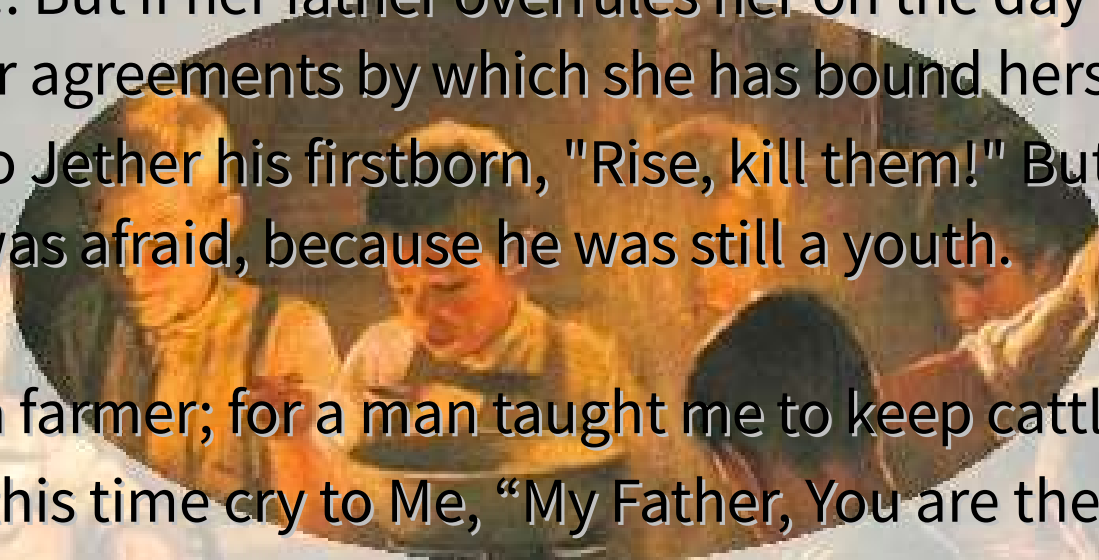
**Judges 8:20** And he said to Jether his firstborn, "Rise, kill them!" But the youth would not draw his sword; for he was afraid, because he was still a youth.

**Zech 13:5** But he will say,

"I am no prophet, I am a farmer; for a man taught me to keep cattle from my youth."

**Jer. 3:4** Will you not from this time cry to Me, "My Father, You are the guide of my youth?"

**1 Tim. 4:12** Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.



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**Adolescence: Coached adulthood (Squire learning to relate to King, Spouse, Mission)**

**Adult: Letting go, Expanding influence in Work, Home, Church, & Community**

**Heb. 11:24** By faith Moses, when he came of age, refused to be called... Pharaoh's son

**Gen. 2:24** a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife... one flesh.

**Prov. 24:27** ...Make it fit for yourself in the field; And afterward build your house.

**1 Cor. 14:20** ...in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature.

**Eph 4:13-15** ...to unity of the faith... the knowledge of the Son of God... mature manhood... the fullness of Christ... no longer children, tossed to & fro by every wind...

**Heb. 5:14** But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is*, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

**Tit. 2:4** ...love their children **Eph. 6:4** ... raise your children in the... instruction of the Lord

**1 Tim 2:8-15, 1 Tim. 3:2-12** Church roles and leadership

**Ecc. 10:16** Woe [the] land whose king is a lad... Blessed the land whose king is of nobility



# Love Your Children Uniquely

Parent appropriately to  
Personality, Gender, & Age

- **Expect differences.**
- **Pay attention to who God gives you, and enjoy them!**
- **Form a Biblical picture of what maturity looks like.**
- **Ask God for wisdom to meet the challenges (Jas. 1:5)**