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The Loving Family

العائلة المحبة

Parental Love

حب الابوين

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Follow the Plan!

The Plan, the Design & the Pattern

“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness’”

(Genesis 1:26)



Follow the Design!

The Plan, the Design & the Pattern

“So God created man in His own image;
in the image of God He created him; male
and female He created them.”

(Genesis 1:26)



The Balance!

**And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature,
and in favor with God and men.**

(Luke 2:52)



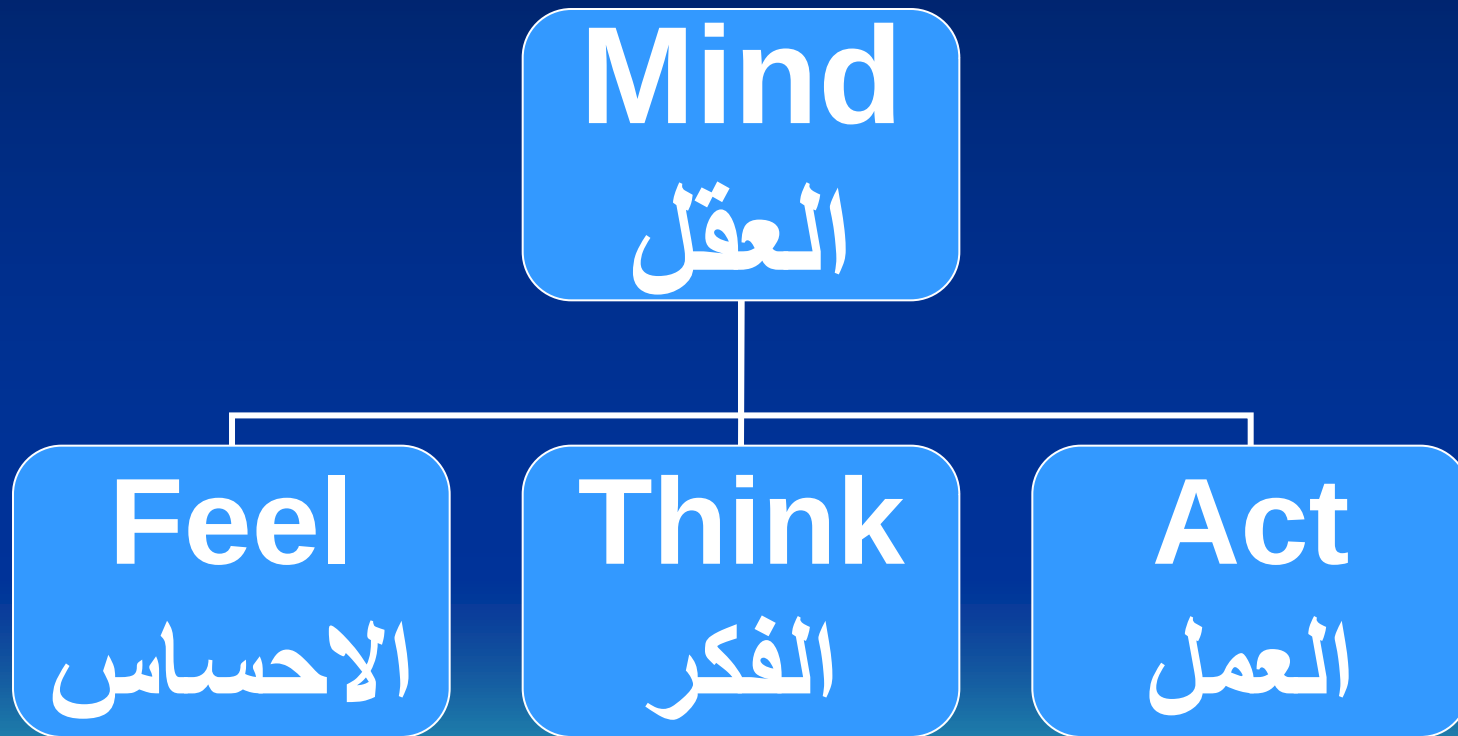
Wisdom, Stature & Favor!

- Wisdom: The Mind of Christ (The Invisible)
- Stature: The Body of Christ (His Members)
- Favor: The Spirit of God (Live in the Spirit)



How Do We Make Decisions?

كيف تصنع القرارات



Commandment to Children

Again: “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. *‘Honor your father and mother,’* which is the first commandment with promise: *‘that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.’”*

(Ephesians 6:1-3)



Commandment to Parents

“And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord”

(Ephesians 6:4)



Do Not Provoke *Them!*

How May Parents Be Provocative?

Any Opinions?



A List of Myths (1)

- I was raised the best way!
- I am perfect!
- I never had problems when I was young!
- I am always right!
- I was always on top of the list!
- I am an ideal parent!
- I have the right to know everything!



A List of Myths (2)

- Give *all* what they ask for, because ...
- You've to be very tough to discipline them!
- I've no time for them; I work two jobs!
- Once for God; Once for Myself!
- It's OK to get some taste of everything!
- We are still Egyptians!
- Keep advising them all the time, all life!



What is New Today?

- Contemporary & Dangerous Addictions
- Broken Families
- Broken Marriages
- Delayed Marriages
- Premature Marriages
- Ignorant Parents
- Shallow Spirituality



What Makes Us Better Parents?

كيف نصبح ابوين فاضلين !!؟

1. Being good parents needs both of them to understand their role in raising a child;

1. کی تصبحا ابوين فاضلين لابد من فهم دوركما
فی تربيه الاطفال

2. The child's future depends greatly on the child's experiences in the early years;

2. ان مستقبل الطفل يعتمد على خبراته في
سنوات الطفوله



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3. The inherited part in a child's life is minimal compared to the acquired part;

3. الجزء الموروث في الطفل ضئيل جدا بالنسبة للجزء المكتسب.

4. In God's design, a child needs to have both, a mother and a father

4. من ترتيب ربنا ان يكون الطفل محتاج الى ام واب

How Does Maternal Love Work?

ماذا يفعل حب الام !!؟

+ The Nurturing Mother Gives Her Baby:

+ الام المرضعه تعطى طفلها:

- A Welcome Signal from the World;

- اول ترحيب من العالم

- A Positive Message of Love & Care;

- رساله حب وعنايه ايجابيه



How Does Maternal Love Work?

ماذا يفعل حب الام !!؟

- A Sense of Security & Significance;
• احساس بالامان والمعنى
- Gradual Ability for Independence;
• مقدره تدريجيّه للاستقلال
- Gratification of All Other Basic Needs;
• تقديم كل الاحتياجات الاخرى
- Preparedness to Join the Church
• الاستعداد للانضمام الى الكنيسه

How Does Paternal Love Works?

ماذا يفعل الحب الابوى !!؟؟

The Loving Father Provides His Child with:

الحب الابوى

- A Sense of Belonging to a Family;
• شعور بالانتماء للأسره
- An Understanding of Love and Sacrifice;
• مفهوم الحب والنصيحه
- A Feeling of Empowerment & Protection;
• شعور بالتمكين والحمايه



How Does Paternal Love Works?

ماذا يفعل الحب الابوى !!؟؟

- The Meaning of Heavenly Fatherhood;
• مفهوم الحب السماوى
- An Understanding of Team Work;
• مفهوم العمل الجماعى
- An Understanding of Gender Differences
• التعرف على الفرق بين الجنسين (ذكر – انثى)



In the Absence of Love

فى غياب الحب

- Child Neglect

• اهمال للطفل

- Child Abuse

• قهر الطفل

- The Issues of Gender and Ranking

• التفرقة فى النوع (ولد – بنت)

- Offending a Child's Innocence

• جرح مشاعر الطفل (سذاجته)



The Child's Ranking

ترتيب الطفل

A Boy – A Girl

ولد - بنت

- The First-Born

• المولود الاول

- The Baby of the Family

• الطفل الاخير فى الاسره

- The Middle Child Syndrome

• الطفل الوسطانى

- The Single Child

• الطفل الوحيد



Offending a Child's Innocence

جرح سذاجه الطفل

- **Parents As Positive Role-Models**
 - الابوين كنموذج للايجابيه
- **Parents As Negative Role-Models**
 - الابوين كنموذج للسلبيه
- **Offenses in Different Stages of Growing**
 - الجرح فى فترات النمو



Communicating Love

- The Child's Need to Be Listened to
 - الطفل محتاج ان تسمعه
- Understanding Our Children's Language
 - فهم لغه اطفالنا
- Respecting Our Children's Needs:
 - احترام احتياجات اطفالنا
- 1. Need for Respect
 - الحاجه للاحترام
- 2. Need for Privacy
 - الحاجه الى الخصوصيه
- 3. Need for Freedom
 - الحاجه الى الحريه
- 4. Need for Making Good Decisions
 - الحاجه لاتخاذ القرارات

Advice Giving: Good or Bad?

النصائح : سيئه أو جيده

- Giving Advice to Children:

- نصائح للاطفال

1. In Childhood

1. في الطفولة

2. In Adolescence

2. في مرحلة النمو

3. In Adulthood

3. في مرحلة النضج

- Advising or Lecturing?!

- نصائح او محاضره



Children and Independence

الاطفال و الاستقلال

- Preparing Our Children for Independence
 - تحضير الاطفال للاستقلال
- Respecting Our Children Freedom
 - احترام حريه اطفالنا
- Trusting Our Children's Decisions
 - الثقه فى قرارات اطفالنا
- How Do We Handle Their Bad Decisions?
 - كيف نتصرف فى قراراتهم السيئه
- Responsibility & Freedom Go Together!
 - المسئوليه والحريه مع بعض



Please, Remember:

1. Love Never Fails!
2. Firmness should be Balances!
3. Independence is a Goal to Achieve
4. Protection is the Parents' Job
5. Fairness Among All Children



Please, Remember (cont'd):

6. Healthy Communication (Mental Health)
7. Nothing is like Role-Modeling
8. Healthy Education of Your Child
9. Setting the Real Priorities
10. The Altar at Home



Communicating God's Love

توصيل حب الله

- The Altar at Home

• المذبح في البيت

- A Marriage without an Altar

• زواج بدون مذبح

- The Image of God the Father

• صورته الله الاب

- The Image of Church, the Mother

• صورته الكنيسة الام

- Between God's Mercy & God's Discipline

• بين رحمه الله و تأديبه



Communicating God's Love

توصيل محبه الله

- Love Never Fails! المحبه لا تسقط ابدا
- Experiencing Hope and Faith at Home تجربه الايمان والرجاء فى البيت
- Biblical Examples: نماذج من الكتاب المقدس
 - 1- Jacob, Rachel & Joseph يعقوب – راحيل - يوسف
 - 2- Samuel the Prophet صموئيل النبى
 - 3- King David داود الملك
 - 4- Jesus, St. Mary & St. Joseph يسوع – مريم – يوسف



Thank You

Question & Answer



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