



## Session 8 What Every Dad Needs to Know

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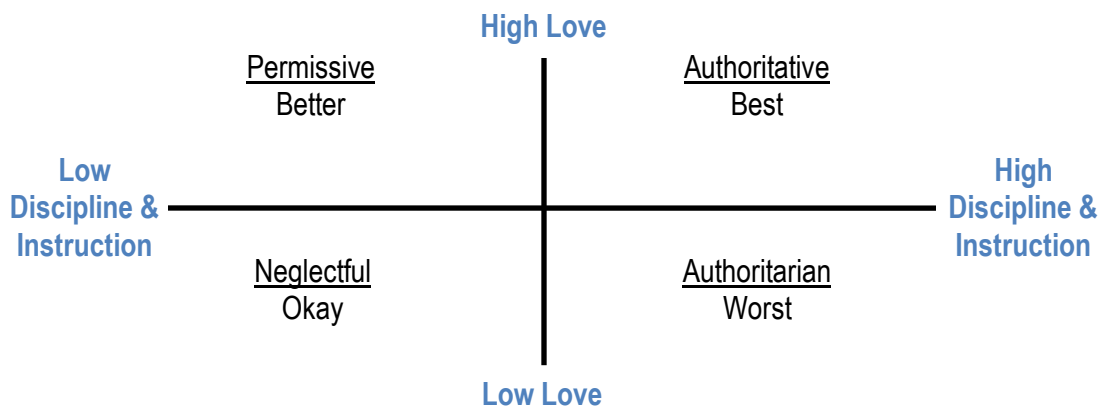
### I. Help! I'm a Parent!

### II. The Top 10 Key Ingredients for a Healthy Family

- a. The family is characterized by strong, supportive, honest communication.
- b. Family members spend a large quantity of time together.
- c. Family members share a common faith and practice.
- d. Family members agree on key values.
- e. Family members practice love and mutual appreciation.
- f. Family members sacrifice for the good of one another.
- g. Family members have common goals and interests.
- h. Family members demonstrate trust with one another.
- i. Husband and wife engage in regular sexual intercourse.
- j. Husband and wife have a parental coalition in raising their children.

### III. What Your Child Needs for You to Know

- a. "I need you to know somebody must be there for me in the early years." It's critical for my development."
- b. "I need a balance of discipline, instruction, and love growing up."



- c. "I need you to know my personality and honor it. The sooner, the better."
- d. "I need you to discover my bent and actively support it."
- e. I need you to know too much is too much."

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1. Too much control crushes or incites me.
  2. Too much money spoils and pacifies me.
  3. Too high of expectations discourage me.
- f. "I need you to show me what to believe by living it."
- g. "I need you to know you can wound me for a lifetime."
- h. I need you to adjust your leadership style to me as I grow."

- Ages 0 thru 13: Coach = directing
- Ages 13 thru 18: Cheerleader / Counselor = encouraging, problem solving
- Ages 18 and older: Consultant = listening, supporting (when they invite you)

- i. I need you to make some great memories with me to live on."
- j. "I need you to love God and share him with me."

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## IV. Final Thoughts

- a. Children are God's gift to us.
- b. Children and hard work, but nothing brings greater joy.  
(3 John 4 – "I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.")

### YOUR "DIE TO LIVE" APPLICATION PROJECT: FOR DADS ONLY

Take each of your children (12 years and up) individually out on a date to a private location. Ask them two things.

1. Ask them to evaluate you as a dad. How are you doing with each of them? Ask and then listen. Tell them to be specific about what you do well and what you need to do better.
2. Ask them to tell you what they think your values are. What values do you as a dad model most clearly to them? Ask and listen.

Their answers to these two questions will help you know where you stand with your children.

Give each of your children (14 years and up) a copy of the supplied personality test. Ask them to complete the test. Then help them score it and discuss the results with them. Remember, the sooner you understand their personalities, the better.

## V. Questions

1. Of the things listed in this session under "What your Child Need for you to Know," which one did your dad do best for you? How did that impact you? Explain
2. What one thing could you improve on as a dad in light of today's session? Explain.
3. What did you hear today that had the greatest impact on you? Explain.