

Pearls for Parenting
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Identity and Authority

Know thyself. When you read or hear material from others, **IF** the shoe fits, wear it.

From Paul Tripp:

“If you are not resting as a parent in your identity in Christ, you will look for identity in your children.”

Indicators:

- Too much focus on success
- Too much concern about reputation
- Too great a desire for control
- Too much emphasis on doing rather than being
- Too much temptation to make it personal

Authority:

Diane Langberg: “All authority is derivative.”

Authority is for serving others not serving yourself.

Children learn how to live with and under authority:

- Parents model this in the home.
 - How do you talk about people you disagree with?
 - How do you show submission?

“Principled” anti-authority authoritarians—Obey me because I’m right. I don’t have to obey you because you are wrong.

Eph 6:1-3 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), 3 "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land."

Mark 10:42-45 42 And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43 But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."