

The Pyramid of Parenting

There is no way that a child can be left behind unless perhaps he is living in a 3rd world country, his entire family is dead and he is homeless with little or no resources. It is by no means right, but it is reality, even in the 21st century.

On another note, how can a child be left behind in America if he is with his first and most influential teacher, you, the parent along with your posse to care for him? It has often been said that it takes a village to raise a child. In this case, the posse represents the village: parents, grandparents, siblings, relatives, neighbors, the church, social service agencies, baby sitters etc.

Think of parenting in a pyramid concept: The bottom tier forms the solid foundation, the second tier prepares you for solid bonding, the third tier prepares you for leaving the nest, and the fourth tier represents your goal of producing a legacy of healthy offspring. This first series will discuss preparing the solid foundation by being a lighthouse for your child, keeping healthy (both parent and family) and developing powerful communication skills.



In the beginning of parenthood, you bring to the table your hopes and dreams for the child that you have brought into this world. In the early years you struggle really hard to help your children with their development: teaching them everything from walking, and talking, to eating, potty training, following directions etc. They are totally dependent on you for their well being and safety. They also begin to imitate parents and others in the family.

Change is inevitable, and there is growth despite the change. The next generation in the family will duplicate your style, change it to fit their goal and history repeats itself. If your family is not functioning as well as it can, let the better parenting skills begin with you, then, no one in the family will be left behind.

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