

River Valley Notes

PARENTAL GUIDANCE REQUIRED

Part #5: The Compass

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Proverbs 10:9 People with integrity have firm footing, but those who follow crooked paths will slip and fall. (NLT)

Character: The ability to cooperate with _____ as it really is, so that the _____ of my behavior become a benefit – rather than a detriment – to others and myself.

Character-Driven Parenting: Helping my children _____ to _____, as it really is... and to eventually enjoy the results of that understanding.

Psalms 25:21 May integrity and honesty protect me, for I put my hope in you. (NLT)

Psalms 1:1-6 Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. (NIV)

Character-Driven Parenting: Discerning the Compass

1. _____: There is a God, and I am not Him.

Deuteronomy 6:20-25 “In the future your children will ask you, ‘What is the meaning of these stipulations, laws, and regulations that the LORD our God has given us?’ Then you must tell them, ‘We were Pharaoh’s slaves in Egypt, but the LORD brought us out of Egypt with amazing power. Before our eyes the LORD did miraculous signs and wonders, dealing terrifying blows against Egypt and Pharaoh and all his people. He brought us out of Egypt so he could give us this land he had solemnly

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promised to give our ancestors. And the LORD our God commanded us to obey all these laws and to fear him for our own prosperity and well-being, as is now the case. For we are righteous when we obey all the commands the LORD our God has given us.’ (NLT)

2. _____: Humanness consists of, and is formed by, connectedness, _____, trust, and interdependence.

3. Personal Responsibility: My life is _____.

4. Personal Freedom: I am _____ to choose any behavior or attitude... and experience the natural _____ of that choice.

Character-Driven Parenting In Real-Time:

1. Spirit-Filled Coaching: Our God is a God of Truth as well as _____. He is a Father, not a _____.

2. Reality-Based Consequences: Consequences should be as close as possible to the _____, real-world consequences of the behavior or attitude.

3. Eliminate _____ Consequences: Since character is being formed by and through attachment, relational connection should never be _____.

4. Freedom-Fused Communication: Our goal is not to _____ our children. They are _____. We are to help them learn to use their freedom for the _____ of others and themselves.