

The *Problem* Parenting Styles

1. _____

Goal: _____

When Parents Are...

- overcontrolling
- not flexible
- performance-oriented (vs. people-oriented)
- critical
- black/white thinkers

Children Become...

- rebellious
- fearful of failure
- under or overachievers
- overly sensitive to criticism
- bitter

2. _____

Goal: _____

When Parents Are...

- overprotective
- yielding to pressure
- desperate for harmony
- rescuing
- too helpful

Children Become...

- spoiled
- manipulative
- disrespectful
- irresponsible
- helpless

3. _____

Goal: _____

When Parents Are...

- possessive
- manipulative
- suspicious

Children Become...

- fearful
- deceitful
- jealous

- inconsistent
- controlling
- indecisive
- passive

4. _____

Goal: _____

When Parents Are...

- apathetic
- ambivalent
- uninvolved
- lacking follow-through
- lacking boundaries

Children Become...

- self-sufficient
- emotionally hardened
- rebellious
- underachievers
- insecure

The *Positive* Parenting Style

Ephesians 6:1-4 (NIV)

¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

² "Honor your father and mother"--which is the first commandment with a promise--

³ "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

⁴ Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Goal: _____

When Parents Are...

- loving
- encouraging
- comforting
- sincere
- teaching

Children Become...

- secure
- confident
- compassionate
- honest
- wise

