



## ***Extreme Parenting***

### **A Tale of 4 Ships**

**Proverbs 3:13-18**

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#### **Control VS. Influence**

- If you find wisdom, if you gain understanding, you are blessed - Proverbs 3:13-18. Wisdom is the application of knowledge to how you live your life.
- The process of raising children is a slow transition from control to influence. And influence...is everything.
- As our children grow we each have to learn as parents how to slowly transition into a role of influence where they are in control of their lives.
- As our children grow older, they need to be empowered and equipped for that transition, because it will happen regardless of whether we prepare them for that responsibility or not.

#### **Your effectiveness as a parent is entirely dependent upon your ability to maintain influence in your child's life.**

- The quality of your investment with your children will determine the degree and weight of your influence.
- Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it - Proverbs 22:6

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##### **1. Relationship**

- Influence can only come with our kids through relationship.

##### **2. Partnership**

- Partnering with your spouse, partnering with the church, and partnering with God in the raising of your children.

##### **3. Disciplineship**

- The role of discipline and what consistency in leading your children at home should look like.

##### **4. Stewardship**

- How to live Godly lives and be good stewards of the time, talents and treasures that God gives us.