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SESSION 1 | MATURE IN CHRIST

I. INTRODUCTION

Our goal as Christian parents is to raise children to know the Lord and walk in the fear of the Lord.

II. MATURE IN CHRIST

"... remember that you are accountable to your maker for all your words and actions. Let me injoin [sic] it upon you to attend constantly and steadfastly to the precepts and instructions of your father as you value the happiness of your mother and your own welfare. ..., for dear as you are to me, I had much rather you should have found your grave in the ocean you have crossed, or any untimely death crop you in your infant years, rather than see you an immoral profligate or a graceless child." Abigail Adams, in a letter to her son John Quincy.

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- "...warning everyone..."
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- "...with all wisdom..."
- "...that we may present everyone..."
- "...mature in Christ."
 - "[Mature] connotes the quality of being so wholehearted in one's devotion to the Lord that one can be said to be blameless in conduct (see esp. Matt. 5:48; 19:21; Eph. 4:13; Heb. 5:14; Jas. 1:4b)." Doug Moo, *The Letters to the Colossians and to Philemon*, 161.

III. PARENTING AS EVANGELISM

IV. PARENTING AS DISCIPLESHIP

V. CONCLUSION

- “And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” (Galatians 6:9)