



At Growing Families, we place our emphasis on "Parenting from the Tree of Life" – meaning the way of the Lord. We serve an ethical God. Moral rightness flows from His being. In short, God is absolutely perfect and His moral law is a reflection of His holy character.

Parenting from the Tree of Life will help you to understand how to instruct your growing children in the way of the Lord. This course lays the groundwork for your parenting no matter where you are in the process. The three parts of Parenting from the Tree of Life are designed to take parents through the process of building a loving family unit by raising biblically responsive and morally responsible children.

This series is divided into three parts:

Part 1: Life, Children and Relationships
Speaks to the relational components of healthy parenting

Part 2: Life, Children and Character
Focuses on the moral education

Part 3: Life, Children, Encouragement and Correction
Thoughtful, purposeful, and timely correction

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About the Ezzos

GARY AND ANNE MARIE EZZO have authored more than twenty books on parenting and produced eight educational video series on child-rearing that have been utilized by millions of parents around the world. The Ezzo's values-based parenting philosophy has been utilized by thousands of churches and their various curriculums have been translated into many different languages.

Gary Ezzo holds a Master of Arts degree from Biola University, Talbot Theological Seminary and School of Theology and serves as the Executive Director of Growing Families International. Anne Marie Ezzo, in addition to ministering alongside her husband, is the International Director of Christian Family Heritage, which oversees the Contact Mom ministry and is co-author of *On Becoming Birthwise* and *Birth by Design*. The Ezzo's have two married daughters, eight grandchildren, and reside in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.

To find out more about the Growing Families courses and books, download parenting articles, price list and place orders on-line, visit the website at www.gfi.org.au

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The Life Series

Parenting from the Tree of Life

Ages: 3 - Preteens

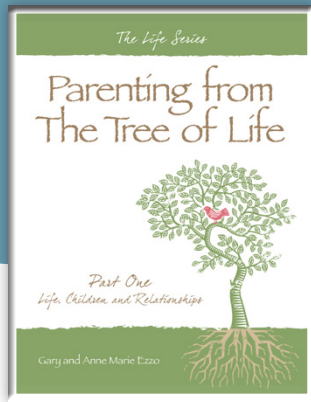


The Complete Series

Life, Children and Relationships
Life, Children and Character
Life, Children, Encouragement and Correction



Gary and Anne Marie Ezzo



Part One

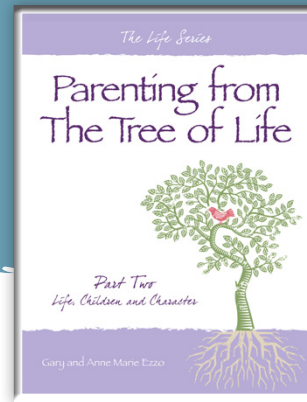
Life, Children and Relationships

6 weeks

It has been said that there are two significant moments in life. The first is the moment you are born; the second is the moment you discover why you were born. The Life Series does more than recognize this truth; it embraces it. Parenting from the Tree of Life is not an easy task, in this age of uncertainty, where declining cultural values put enormous stress on families, especially on those parents who still believe there are standards of right and wrong and everyday courtesies worth instilling into their children. Be encouraged: Parenting from a Life perspective, to say the least, is life-changing. Gary and Anne Marie Ezzo present a persuasive argument for raising children in a life-giving home environment. Part one stresses the relational components associated with child training that lead to healthy outcomes.

Part One: Topics include:

- A Two-World Perspective
- Marriage and the Secure Child
- Understanding Your Child's Love DNA
- Creating Treasures of the Heart
- The Power of Life and Death
- Influences of Sight & Sound



Part Two

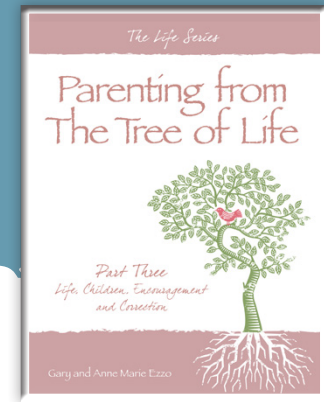
Life, Children and Character

6 weeks

The focus in part two shifts to the moral education of children. This course will demonstrate how young children learn moral lessons, internalise meaningful values, and then translate them into social skills. Raising children who are kind, courteous, respectful, cooperative, confident and sensitive to the needs of others, is not a wish list from “never-never” land, but the consistent outcomes that have followed the Ezzos’ teaching for over thirty years. However, they would be the first to warn that such moral outcomes take time, effort, patience, and a commitment from parents to rise above the cultural tide of mediocrity. The formula for helping children acquire the motivation and conviction to choose right over wrong, good over evil, excellence over mediocrity, and initiative over apathy is contained within these next six visits.

Part Two: Topics include:

- Life, Children and Character
- Cultivating the Voice Within
- Civility: The Protocols of Royalty
- Respect: The Silent Courtesy
- Civility and Mealtime Etiquette
- Basic Life Courtesies



Part Three

Life, Children, Encouragement and Correction

5 Weeks

As a Dad or Mum you probably have come to realise there are times when your sweet child will reject or strongly oppose your reasonable instructions. Usually, this happens because your child doesn't know your instructions are reasonable. What can and should you do to keep your son or daughter on track and moving forward? We suggest you guide with instruction, motivate with encouragement and establish necessary boundaries through correction. There are a number of corrective strategies parents can use to their advantage, but ultimately the best form of parental correction is prevention. There is no better way to deal with behavioural problems than by preventing them from happening in the first place. Much of what we have already discussed in the first twelve visits speaks to the positive, preventative side of training. Yet, the reality remains, correction will still be necessary. The good news is this: understanding the working components of instruction, encouragement and correction will help keep your children on track and heading in the right direction.

Part Three: Topics include:

- Correction and a “Healthy Lawn Perspective”
- Instruction Leading to a Healthy Obedience
- Parenting Outside the Funnel
- How to Raise a Responsible Child
- The Correction Side of Training

