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Childhood Behavior and Parenting Style



Definition of Normal Behavior:

- Normal behavior conforms to the most common behavior in society (known as [conformity](#)).

- Definitions of normality vary by person, time, place, and situation – it changes along with changing societal standards and [norm](#).

Psychological needs of a child:

- Attachment to a caregiver
- Love
- Belonging
- Freedom
- Recognition
- Respect
- Protection
- Pleasure/Fun



The Bible

- “Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you” Isaiah 49:15 (Attachment)
- “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” John 3:16 (Love)
- “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name.You are mine” Isaiah 43:1(Belonging)
- “Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed” John 8:36 (Freedom)
- “His lord said to him, ‘Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord” Matthew 25:21 (Recognition)
- “Respect all *people*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king”.1 Peter 2: 17 (Respect)
- “But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one”.Thessalonians 3:3 (Protection)
- Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Philippians 4:4 (Pleasure)

Definition of Abnormal Behavior:

- We define abnormal behavior when one or more of the following occur.
 1. Bizarreness or extremeness
 2. Disturbance of others
 3. Subjective distress
 4. Interference with daily functioning
 5. Safety violation
 6. Repetitive



Causes of Maladaptive “BAD” Behavior:

- Life Changes
- Bullying or Abuse
- Learning Disabilities
- Mental Health Issues
- Environmental factors
- PARENTING STYLE



Statistics.....

Mental, behavioral, and developmental disorders begin in early childhood

- 1 in 6 U.S. children aged 2–8 years (17.4%) had a diagnosed mental, behavioral, or developmental disorder.
- Behavior problems are more common among children aged 6–11 years than children younger or older.
- More than 5 in 10 children (53.5%) aged 3-17 years with behavior disorders received treatment.
- Among children aged 2-8 years, boys were more likely than girls to have a mental, behavioral, or developmental disorder

THE 4 PARENTING STYLES

HIGH CONTROL

AUTHORITARIAN



Demanding. "Do it because I said so" approach. Minimal displays of affection.

AUTHORITATIVE



Set and enforce limits while still granting freedom. Encourage independence. Warm affection and nurturing.

NEGLECTING



Rarely pay sincere attention to child. No structure or signs of affection.

PERMISSIVE



Child set the agenda. Minimal adherence to structure or limits. Often lots of affection and warm love.

LOW CONTROL

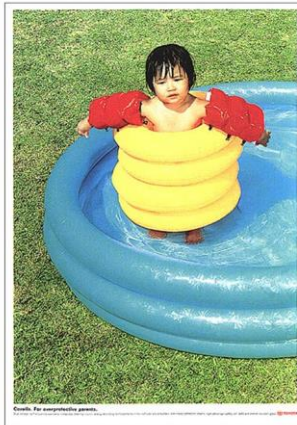
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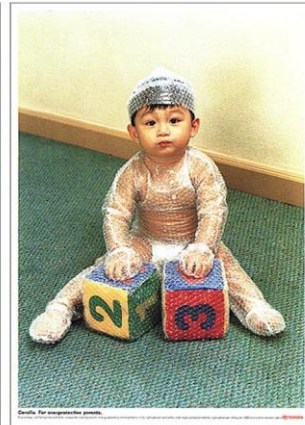
Overprotective Parenting Style



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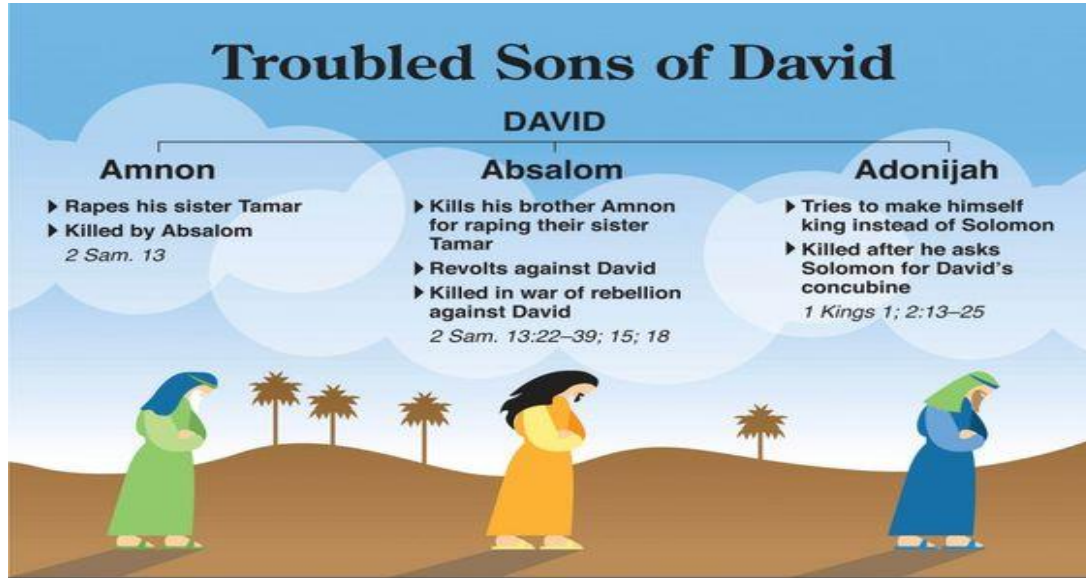
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Neglected parenting style

“Now Adonijah, whose mother was Haggith, put himself forward and said, “I will be king.” So he got chariots and horses^[a] ready, with fifty men to run ahead of him. 6 (His father had never rebuked him by asking, “Why do you behave as you do?” He was also very handsome and was born next after Absalom.)” 1 king 1:5-6



Characteristics of the Neglecting Parenting Style

- ✓ Are emotionally distant from their children
- ✓ Offer little or no supervision
- ✓ Show little warmth, love, and affection towards their children
- ✓ Have few or no expectations or demands for behavior
- ✓ Don't attend school events and parent-teacher conferences
- ✓ May intentionally avoid their children
- ✓ Are often too overwhelmed by their own problems to deal with their children



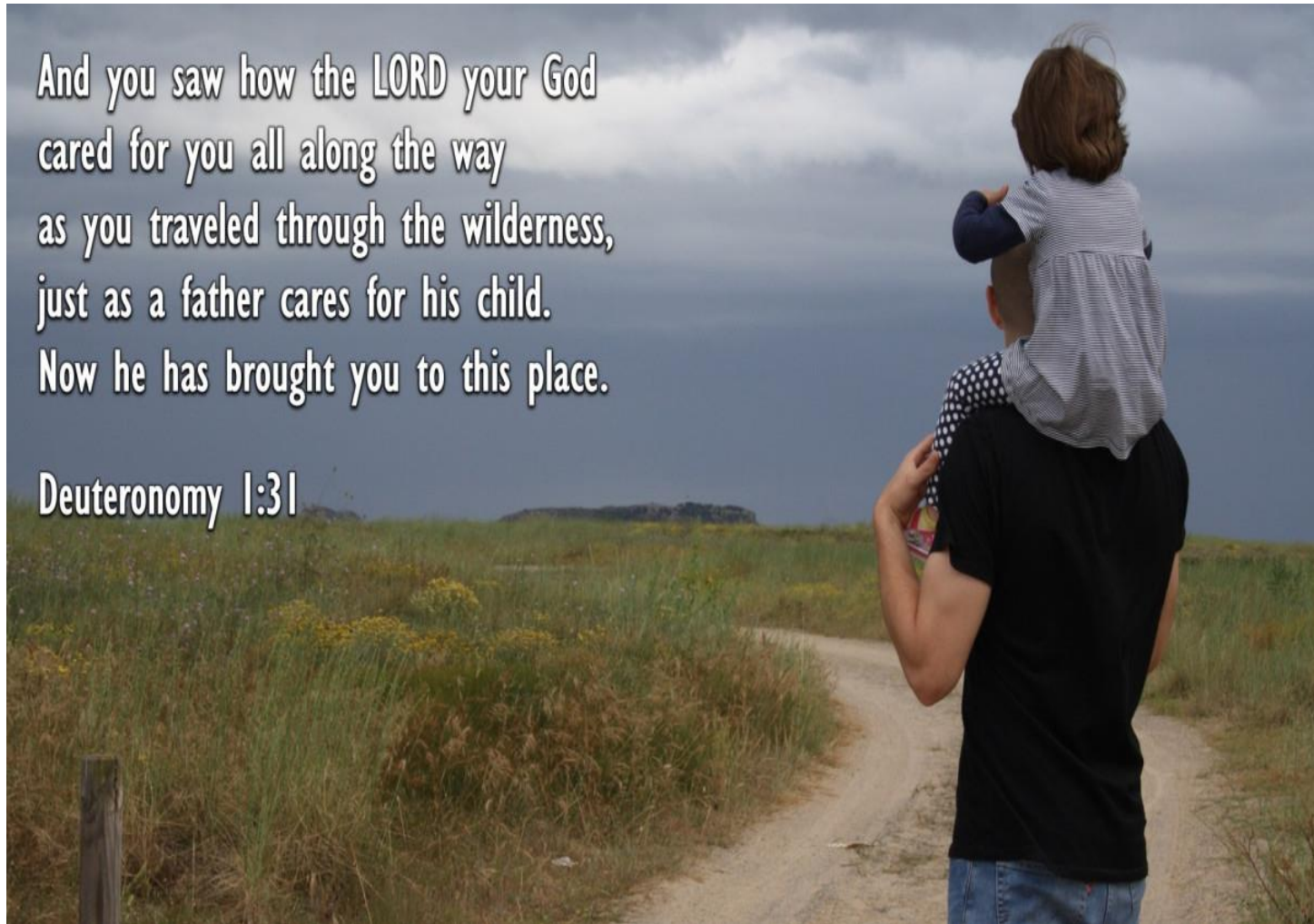
Behavior Exhibited:

- Indifference
- Loneliness
- Disruptive
- Lack of trust
- Insecurity
- Autism like symptoms



And you saw how the LORD your God
cared for you all along the way
as you traveled through the wilderness,
just as a father cares for his child.
Now he has brought you to this place.

Deuteronomy 1:31





Motherhood is not a hobby, it is a calling. You do not collect children because you find them cuter than stamps. It is not something to do if you can squeeze the time in. It is what God gave you time for.

— Neil L. Andersen —

AZ QUOTES

Authoritarian Parenting Style

“Saul’s anger flared up at Jonathan and he said to him, “You son of a perverse and rebellious woman! Don’t I know that you have sided with the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of the mother who bore you? **31**As long as the son of Jesse lives on this earth, neither you nor your kingdom will be established. Now send someone to bring him to me, for he must die!”

32“Why should he be put to death? What has he done?” Jonathan asked his father. **33**But Saul hurled his spear at him to kill him”
(1 Sam 20 :30-33)



Authoritarian Parenting Style



- Rigid, controlling
- Demanding
- Punitive
- Unreasonable expectations
- Adult-like job, chores
- Parent always right
- Parent makes decisions
- Little affection, warmth
- Unexpressed ideas, feelings
- Parent in control
- Little encouragement, praise

- A - Average
- B - Below Average
- C - Can't eat dinner
- D - Don't come home
- F - Find a new family



The children of authoritarian parents:

- Tend to associate obedience and success with love.
- Some children display more aggressive behavior outside the home.
- Others may act fearful or overly shy around others.
- Often have lower self-esteem.
- Have difficulty in social situations due to a lack of social competence.
- Children raised by authoritarian parents tend to conform easily, yet may also suffer from depression and anxiety.



Rules without relationship will always equal rebellion.

Proverbs 20:7 "The righteous who walks in his integrity—blessed are his children after him!"

Ephesians 6:4 "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."

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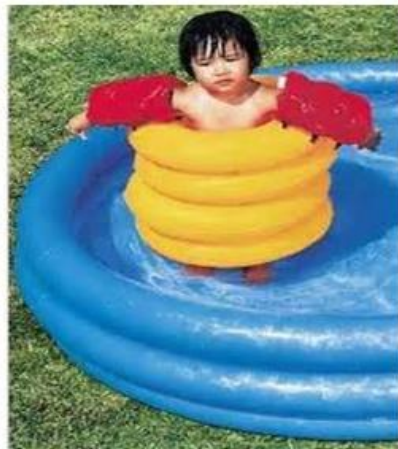
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Overprotective parents

“The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe” (Prov. 29:25)

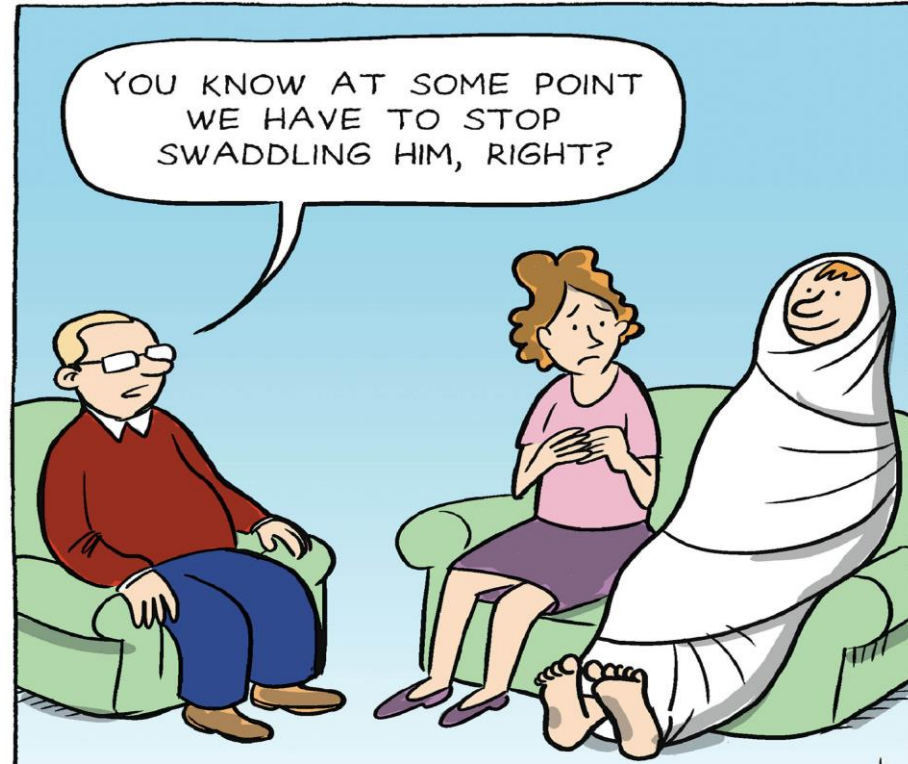
Overprotective Parents

- Overprotective/Helicopter parents
- Keep tight control
- Mistake children's performances for their own Identity
- Fight their children's battles
- No risk taking
- Deny them any privacy



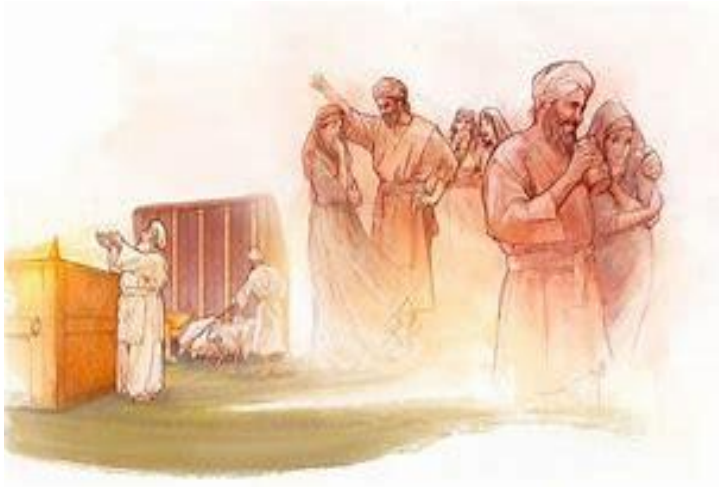
Negative Effects of Over Protective Parenting

- Rebellious children
- Liars
- Insecure
- Social immaturity
- Dependent personality
- Followers
- Lack of self confidence



Permissive Parents

“Then the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming [God](#), and **he did not restrain them**. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or [offering](#) forever” (1 Samuel 3: 11-14).



Permissive Parenting Style

- Have few rules or standards of behavior
- When there are rules, they are often very inconsistent
- Are usually very nurturing and loving towards their kids
- Often seem more like a friend, rather than a parent.
- May use bribery such as toys, gifts and food as a means to get child to behave
- Overvalue their children.
- Their children are special
- Expect a special treatment and sense of entitlement



The Effects of Permissive Parenting

- Narcissistic
- Arrogant
- Demanding
- Disobedient
- Lack self-discipline
- Sometimes have poor social skills
- May be self-involved
- May feel insecure due to the lack of boundaries and guidance



Authoritarian Parenting Style

“My son, if your heart is wise, my heart will rejoice – indeed, I myself; Yes, my inmost being will rejoice when your lips speak right things...Hear, my son, and be wise; and guide your heart in the way” (Prov. 23:15-16; 19).

Other authoritative parents that you can read about in Scripture would include:

-Elkannah and Hannah the parents of Samuel the Prophet (1 Sam. 1-2)

-Zechariah and Elizabeth the parents of John the Baptist (Luke 1)

-Mordecai the adoptive parent of Esther (Esther 1-10)

-Naomi as the single parental figure in the life of Ruth (Ruth 1-4)

Each of these parents were authoritative, but not authoritarian in their parenting. Each child became a very effective instrument in the hand of God.

Characteristics of the Authoritative Parenting Style Authoritative Parents:

- Listen to their children
- Encourage independence
- Place limits, consequences, and expectations on their children's behavior
- Express warmth and nurturance
- Allow children to express opinions
- Encourage children to discuss options
- Administer fair and consistent discipline



The Effects of the Authoritative Parenting Style:

Child development experts generally identify the authoritative parenting style as the "best" approach to parenting.

Children raised by authoritative parents tend to be capable, happy, and successful.

Children of authoritative parents:

- Tend to have a happier dispositions
- Have good emotional control and regulation
- Develop good social skills
- Are self-confident about their abilities to learn new skills



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