

# ***PARENT RESOURCE LIST***

This list of books is selected for the enrichment of our CCS parents from a much longer compilation of resources currently recommended by Focus on the Family. **Please remember that, as part of this year's course registration process, each CCS parent has agreed to read or review AT LEAST ONE resource from this list during the 2007-2008 school year.** Most of these books are available from your local Christian bookstore, but you can also order them directly from Focus on the Family at 1-800-A-FAMILY by using the stock number provided and giving the suggested donation. Although many of these tools cover several subject areas, an attempt has been made to organize them under the following headings: (1) *Healthy Family Relationships*, (2) *Discipleship and Mentoring of Children*, (3) *Education and Instruction*, (4) *Especially for Fathers*, (5) *Especially for Mothers*, (6) *Single Parenting*, (7) *Parenting Teens*, (8) *Healing and Encouragement*, and (9) *Managing Stress*. You will notice that some titles appear under more than one heading.

## ***1. HEALTHY FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS***

**1001 WAYS TO CONNECT WITH YOUR KIDS** by James R. Lucas (Tyndale)

\*BD085\* \$11

Designed to reinforce and build relationships with children, the 1001 creative ideas in this book cover conversation, traditions, friendships, affirmation, difficulties, and, when necessary, maintaining relationships over distance.

**THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CHRISTIAN FAMILY: BUILDING LASTING FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS** by Rev. Eddie B. Lane (Black Family Press)

\*BM002\* \$16

Written for use in the African-American community, this book is divided into six sections; the Institution of Marriage, the Christian Home, Family Communication, Conflict Management, Sex Education, and Equipping for the Struggle.

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**THE FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES OF CHILDREN** by Dr. Gary Chapman and Dr. Ross Campbell (Northfield)

\*BP467\* \$13

Physical touch, words of affirmation, quality time, gifts, and acts of service are the five love languages identified and explored in this volume.

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**THE LANGUAGE OF LOVE WITH STUDY GUIDE** by Gary Smalley and Dr. John Trent (Focus on the Family book published by Tyndale)

\*BL069\* \$11

This book explores "emotional word pictures" to help bridge communication gaps with a spouse, children, parents, or co-workers. Using real life illustrations, the authors explain how word pictures can capture the attention of an inattentive spouse, effectively communicate feelings that penetrate the heart, or pry open a door to greater intimacy.

**THE NEW HIDE OR SEEK: BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM IN YOUR CHILD** by Dr. James Dobson (Fleming H. Revell)  
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In this 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition, Dr. James Dobson presents ten comprehensive strategies which parents and teachers may use to cultivate self-esteem in every child and combat the epidemic of inferiority in our society. He asserts that only Christian values free people from the tyranny of “self” and offer dignity and respect to every human being.

**“YOU CAN’T MAKE ME” (BUT I CAN BE PERSUADED)** by Cynthia Ulrich Tobias (Waterbrook)  
\*BD058\* \$18

Strong-willed children can change the world with their talent, drive, and power if they learn to use those strengths in positive ways. This book helps parents gain insight into how the strong-willed child’s mind works, recognize why the child may choose not to obey, and learn to share control without compromising parental authority.

## ***2. DISCIPLESHIP AND MENTORING OF CHILDREN***

**BOUNDARIES WITH KIDS** by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend (Zondervan)  
\*BP587\* \$17

Helping parents to assist children to assume responsibility for their own lives is the goal of this book. Insight is provided to help parents recognize boundary issues underlying child behavior issues, set boundaries and establish consequences, stop controlling, help children develop self control, and stop nagging.

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**FAITHTRAINING: RAISING KIDS WHO LOVE THE LORD** by Joe White (Focus on the Family book published by Tyndale)  
\*BF065\* \$12

This book, designed to help parents train children of all ages to love the Lord, features 365 ways to tell your child “I Love You” without saying the words. Bible studies and devotions for various age levels are also included.

**HERITAGE BUILDERS: THE FAMILY COMPASS** by Olivia Bruner and Kurt Bruner (Chariot Victor)  
\*BL205\* \$11

The practical ideas in this book help parents pass on their faith and a Christian worldview to their children in a culture void of spiritual focus. Families are encouraged to develop a compass game plan and to view everyday situations as opportunities to learn from God how to live the Christian life on a daily basis.

**HERITAGE BUILDERS: FAMILY NIGHT TOOL CHEST**

The FAMILY NIGHT TOOL CHEST series of books springs from Heritage Builders, a national movement designed to bring fun and spiritual growth together on a regular basis. Each book in the series contains 12 complete plans for helping families incorporate faith into their daily lives.

\*BD038\* \$35 \* 3 Book Set of the next three listings ([An Introduction To Family Nights](#), [Basic Christian Beliefs](#), and [Christian Character Qualities](#)). Each of these may also be purchased separately for \$14 each.

**HERITAGE BUILDERS: FAMILY NIGHT TOOL CHEST: AN INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY NIGHTS** by Mike Nappa, Amy Nappa, Jim Weidmann, and Kurt Bruner (Victor)  
\*BP283\* \$14

The activities included in this first volume center on salvation, faith, the power of God, the Holy Spirit, service, obedience, respect, responsibility, the power of words, temptation, and friends. The book also includes a pamphlet, which introduces the ministry of Heritage Builders.

**HERITAGE BUILDERS: FAMILY NIGHT TOOL CHEST: BASIC CHRISTIAN BELIEFS** by Mike Nappa, Amy Nappa, Jim Weidmann, and Kurt Bruner (Victor)  
\*BP426\* \$14

This volume topics include omniscience, knowing God, God’s love and care, sin, incarnation, heaven, salvation, and repentance.

**HERITAGE BUILDERS: FAMILY NIGHT TOOL CHEST: CHRISTIAN CHARACTER QUALITIES** by Mike Nappa, Amy Nappa, Jim Weidmann, and Kurt Bruner (Victor)  
\*BP452\* \$14  
Contentment, controlling our thoughts, God's view of the impossible, worry, difficulties, taking a stand for God, self-control, and discipline are the featured lessons in this volume.

**HERITAGE BUILDERS: FAMILY NIGHT TOOL CHEST: 10 COMMANDMENTS** by John Warner, Jim Weidmann, and Kurt Bruner (Chariot Victor)  
\*BD037\* \$14  
Creative ideas for family nights, which parents can use to teach children of all ages the truths and wisdom of the 10 Commandments, are the focus of this volume.

**HERITAGE BUILDERS: FAMILY NIGHT TOOL CHEST: MONEY MATTERS** by Larry Burkett, Allen Burkett, Lauree Burkett, and Jim Weidman (Chariot Victor)  
\*BL208\* \$14  
Children of all ages will benefit from these lessons on basic biblical money management values. Topics include stewardship, tithing, generosity, contentment, honesty, diligence, budgeting, saving, investing, debt, and credit.

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**HERITAGE BUILDERS: FAMILY NIGHT TOOL CHEST: WISDOM LIFE SKILLS** by Mike Nappa, Jim Weidmann, and Kurt Bruner (Chariot Victor)  
\*BP514\* \$14  
Wisdom lessons and activities included in this book are why God allows trials, overcoming jealousy, persecution, change, God's view of money, listening, seeking truth, conscience, and trusting God.

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**THE NEW DARE TO DISCIPLINE** by Dr. James Dobson (Tyndale)  
\*BK054\* \$19 \* Hardcover  
\*BK064\* \$13 \* Paperback  
This revised and updated version of Dr. James Dobson's classic DARE TO DISCIPLINE offers not only advice about

raising children, but also an entire philosophy on child rearing. It details foundations to common-sense parenting, principles to maximize the law of reinforcement, categories of children who do poorly in school, and numerous suggestions for helping mothers make it through the day.

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**THE POWER OF BELIEVING IN YOUR CHILD** by Miles McPherson (Bethany)

\*BP565\* \$11

This book encourages parents to believe in their children and equip them to be confident, capable people through cherishing their child as God does, learning how to be free from fear that their child will lose the game of life, and having courage to raise their child according to the promises of God.

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**THE STRONG-WILLED CHILD** by James Dobson (Tyndale)

\*BK036\* \$12

This book is devoted to the unique needs of the assertive, willfully defiant child who requires a special kind of understanding and discipline from his parents. It focuses on infancy through adolescence and addresses sibling rivalry, hyperactivity, self-esteem, and the most common errors made by frustrated parents.

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\*BP619\* \$13

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### ***3. EDUCATION AND INSTRUCTION OF CHILDREN***

**BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN YOUR CHILD: 80 WAYS TO FOCUS ON EVERY KID’S STRENGTHS** by Cynthia Ulrich Tobias and Carol Funk (Vine)

\*BP432\* \$11

This book is designed to help parents identify and understand their child’s individual learning style and then create strategies that build on those strengths and lead to social and academic success. Eighty practical suggestions for identifying traits based on real-life topics are given.

**EVERY CHILD CAN SUCCEED: MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING STYLE** by Cynthia Ulrich Tobias (Focus on the Family book published by Tyndale)

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The author discusses how parents can determine their child's personal learning style and how to use this knowledge to help the child succeed in school. A chapter addresses the ADD and hyperactive child and offers encouragement to the parents of such children.

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**THE HYPERACTIVE CHILD** by Dr. Grant Martin (Victor)

\*BP030\* \$11

Dr. Grant Martin explains how to identify and treat ADHD and gives a list of resources available to assist parents in understanding and dealing with the symptoms. Part one defines ADHD, suggests screening procedures for children, and describes factors which contribute to the disorder. Part two deals with treatment and intention, and part three provides a list of resources for home and school.

**SAFETYNET** by Zachary Britton (Harvest House)

\*BP502\* \$9

This book presents a detailed look at the threats to children which exist on the Internet (World Wide Web). It suggests ways to establish "safety nets" and offers lists of safe sites for children and a glossary of Internet terms.

**THE WAY THEY LEARN** by Cynthia Ulrich Tobias (A Focus on the Family book published by Tyndale)

\*BF057\* \$11

Specific strategies are given to parents and teachers for understanding the unique learning styles of children and helping them stay on task and finish homework.

#### ***4. ESPECIALLY FOR DADS***

**DADDY @ WORK: LOVING YOUR FAMILY, LOVING YOUR JOB...BEING YOUR BEST IN BOTH WORLDS** by Robert Wolgemuth (Zondervan)

\*BD124\* \$17

This book helps dads cross the chasm between home and work through cross training -- working on skills in one area of life to enhance skills in another area of life. Robert Wolgemuth explains how to meld the two worlds, learn from mistakes, and balance all aspects of life. Each chapter ends with questions for personal reflection or group study.

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**SHE CALLS ME DADDY** by Robert Wolgemuth (Focus on the Family book published by Tyndale)

\*BL043\* \$11

Though primarily directed at men who have young girls, this book offers advice applicable to fathers with daughters at any age. Robert Wolgemuth, a father of two grown daughters, cites seven foundational principles for raising healthy girls and addresses a variety of parenting topics.

**THE SIXTY-MINUTE FATHER** by Rob Parsons (Broadman & Holman)

\*BP229\* \$8

This book is designed to help men break the cycle of busyness that interferes with their relationship with their children. The author suggests ten goals for improving fathering skills and offers practical steps of action.

**STRAIGHT TALK** by Dr. James Dobson (Word)

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**A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO PARENTING ON YOUR OWN** by Dr. Lynda Hunter (Zondervan)

\*BP433\* \$15

Dr. Lynda Hunter combines her personal insights with those of hundreds of single parents across the country to offer this definitive handbook for single parenting. The final chapter, "Getting Remarried," provides insights for stepparents.

**SUCCESSFUL SINGLE-PARENTING** by Gary Richmond (Harvest)

\*BP485\* \$10

Gary Richmond provides steps to help custodial and non-custodial parents deal with bitterness, loneliness, and anger. He offers practical spiritual counsel to overcome the draining emotions that divert energy away from joy and peace, so that parents can focus on loving their deeply wounded children.

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**EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY TEENAGERS** by Jay Kesler (Word)

\*BP678\* \$16

Dr. Jay Kessler believes that raising emotionally healthy teenagers is a reachable and rewarding goal. He offers solutions to the challenges parents face as they build confidence in their teen through relationship and a progressive “letting go.”

**HOW TO LIVE WITH YOUR PARENTS WITHOUT LOSING YOUR MIND** by Ken Davis (Zondervan)

\*BK473\* \$11

Teens are challenged to influence their families by allowing Christ to work through them to make changes in themselves and in the way they view their parents. The book also helps parents understand how they make decisions, assert authority, and express love. This resource is helpful for all teens whether their families are broken or intact, harmonious or unstable.

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**PARENTS GUIDE TO TOP 10 DANGERS TEENS FACE** by Stephen Arterburn and Jim Burns (Focus on the Family book published by Tyndale)

\*BL010\* \$6

This book (previously titled STEERING THEM STRAIGHT) is designed to help parents reduce the risk of factors that can lead teens and their families into crises. It offers five positive parenting principles and covers topics such as sex, homosexuality, AIDS, suicide, Satanism, runaways, drugs, eating disorders, spiritual values, and communication.

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\*BK127\* \$11

Dr. David Seamands describes in a very sensitive way the pain many Christians feel because of damaged emotions, mainly from childhood. Using many illustrations from his years as a pastor and counselor, Dr. Seamands explains low self-esteem, perfectionism, the “real you,” and depression.

**THE HURTING PARENT** by Margie Lewis and Gregg Lewis (Zondervan)

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\*BP841\* \$9

Designed to encourage hurting parents of rebellious children, this book explores emotions such as anger, fear, shame, anxiety, rejection, and guilt. The author shares real-life testimonies and biblical examples of prodigals and their parents. Referral organizations that offer assistance in dealing with rebellious teens are listed.

## ***9. MANAGING STRESS***

**MARGIN** by Richard A. Swenson (NavPress)

\*BP137\* \$12

Dr. Richard Swenson provides a prescription against the danger of over-committed lives, focusing on margins -- the space between ourselves and our limits -- in four key areas: emotional energy, physical energy, time, and finances.

**THE OVERLOAD SYNDROME** by Dr. Richard A. Swenson (Navpress)

\*BD160\* \$12

Many people load themselves down with activities and responsibilities to the point where their limits are exceeded. Dr. Richard Swenson offers 175 “prescriptions” to counteract stress while restoring time and space to rest and heal.

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