

Series:

Power Broker

Session Nine:

“How to Empower People in the Family”

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A. The Mission of the Family

To empower children to become empowered adults who are capable of relating to others and realizing their full potential in this life and in eternity.

B. Who is Responsible for Empowering Children?

C. Are These the Words of Empowerment?

1. “My kid hasn’t found his niche yet.”
2. “My kid is on his own –nobody ever gave me anything.”
3. “My kid can’t be trusted with any responsibility.”
4. “My kid and I can’t even talk without an argument.”
5. “My kid turns 18 next week, and he’s out the door.”

D. When Does a Parent’s Responsibility End?

1. When the child graduates from high school? College?
2. When the child turns 18?
3. When the child leaves home?
4. When the child gets married?
5. When the child is empowered?

E. What is Success in Parenting?

1. “My parents helped me discover my calling in life.”
2. “My parents helped me acquire the resources I need.”
3. “My parents have entrusted me with expanding responsibilities.”
4. “My parents have energized me through their encouragement.”
5. “My parents have given me freedom and friendship.”

F. What Has Happened to the Family?

1. Parents were never empowered through the family.
2. Parents have turned the process upside down
3. Parents have delegated the responsibility to others.
4. Parents have elevated other priorities above the kids.
5. Parents have placed their own interests before the kids.

G. A Biblical Example of the Failure of the Family

1. The failure to provide proficiency.
Genesis 25:27-28
2. The failure to provide ownership.
Genesis 25:29-34
3. The failure to provide work.
Genesis 27:1-4
4. The failure to provide encouragement.
Genesis 27:27-30
5. The failure to provide release.
Genesis 27:41-45

H. What the Family Should be Doing to Empower Children

1. Help your children discover their divine design.
2. Give them what they need, not what they want.
3. Protect your kids from the addiction of idleness.
4. Become your children’s leading cheerleaders.
5. Offer commencement as a point of transition