



APPLICATION GUIDE – MARCH 2019

Leadership and Parenting, Part 2

BOTTOM LINE:

Great leaders know that leadership is not limited to the marketplace; leadership begins at home.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- **When it comes to parenting, emphasize honor over obedience.**
 - In an environment where there's no honor, you have to cover every possibility with a rule, which can be exhausting.
 - Look for ways to focus on honoring relationships rather than keeping a list of rules.
 - Children learn how to defend the honor of others when they see you defending the honor of someone else.
- **Lying breaks a relationship.**
 - Nothing matters if you can't believe what you hear.
 - Lying throws everything off balance.
- **Discipline toward relationships rather than obedience.**
 - Discipline in the direction of who they dishonored.
 - Discipline in a way that teaches your children how to re-establish the relationship with whoever they dishonored.
 - Restoring a relationship is a life skill children have to learn. This is not something they naturally know how to do, so it is up to you to teach them.
- **Resist pre-assigning a consequence to a behavior.**
 - Honor says, "I expect the best from you, so I don't need to threaten you."
 - Look shocked when kids are dishonoring or disobedient.
 - Instead of quickly handing out a punishment, give yourself time to think of a creative way to help restore the relationship that was broken.
- **Love your kids on your calendar, not just in your hearts.**
 - Small, consistent deposits make a big difference in your children's lives.
 - Decide what's most important and put that on your calendar first.
 - Your greatest contribution to the world may not be something you do, but someone you raise.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION OR TEAM DISCUSSION:

1. Take a moment to consider what honor looks like to you. What are some ways you can emphasize honor in your home?
2. What small, consistent deposits are you making in your children's lives? Are you showing them you love them on your calendar, as well as in your heart?

RESOURCES MENTIONED:

When Work and Family Collide by Andy Stanley