

# CHRISTIAN PARENTING



## Parenting According to Your Strengths

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### Family Stories: Needed a 'GPS' tracking device!

#### Personal Parenting 'GPS' Device

- A.** God = God's unchangeable Word: A constant source of direction  
(I Corinthians 12:14-18:

God encourages unity through diversity.

God will place people around us that help us become who He wants us to be.

- B.** Understand Our Strengths as Parents

- C.** What are the Strengths of my Child?

(Proverbs 22:6: ...*"Train up a child according to their 'bent'."*)

### What are your strengths as a Person and Parent?

(Online tool: [AACC.net](http://AACC.net))

**The Lion:** Take charge, assertive, Leaders, high energy  
"Saul": Biblical 'Lion' – amazing evangelist

**The Otter:** Loves to talk, social, people-oriented, starts lots of projects, enthusiasts

**The Golden Retriever:** Tender, compassionate, hard to say 'no', sensitive, caring

**The Beaver:** Organized, detailed, precise, follows through on things

## PERSONAL PARENTING 'GPS' SYSTEM



### 2. Four Predictable Areas of Conflicts:

1. **Problems:**  
Aggressive or Passive?
2. **People:**  
Trusting or Skeptical?
3. **Pace:**  
(Decision-making) Slow or Fast?
4. **Procedures:**  
Predictability or Risk-Taker?



### 3. Your Kid's Strengths

**The Lion Child = What you see is what you get**

\* Teach the 'Lion Child' to involve and think of other people, instead of just 'charging ahead'

**The Otter Child = Loves to start Things**

\* Teach them how to Finish - Talk to them 'along the way'

**The Golden Retriever = Sensitive, caring, compassionate**

\* Sit down with them to listen and share feelings

**The Beaver Child = Good at getting Praised for their Performance**

\* Praise them for 'Who' they are, not just what they can do

**God puts all kinds of different personalities together!**

**4. As a parent, select appropriate ways to spend quality time with your children....ways to suit 'their' personalities!**

**"Parent According to YOUR Strengths and Your Children's"**