



**FAMILY
CRASH
COURSE**

Week Four

Moms, Dads and Their Disciples
1 Thessalonians Chapters 1, 2, 3

Disciple v.
To teach or train

Disciple, *n.*

a follower or student of a teacher, leader, or philosopher.

A Family Disciple:

A child being formed by his or her parents' leadership, teaching, modeling, and philosophy of life.





Fact, *n.*

Your children are currently being disciplined





Toxic Parenting Flavors

“Apathetic Apple I”



“I don’t want to
push religion on my kid(s).
They should be allowed
to make their own decision.”

“Apathetic Apple II”



“Sure I want my kids to
love Jesus-That’s why we come
to church!”

“Worldly Watermelon”



“Sure I want my kids to love Jesus-That’s why I bring ‘em to church when nothing else is on the schedule.”

Parenting Tips for Mom and Dad

From someone who had TONS of discipleship
experience (*but no wife or kids!*)

The Goal of Christian Parenting

1 Thessalonians 1:5,6

You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord,

The Role of Christian Mothering

1 Thessalonians 2:7,8

Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

The Role of Christian Fathering

1 Thessalonians 2:11,12

For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

The Ongoing responsibility to Disciple Children

1 Thessalonians 3:2,3

We sent Timothy, who is our brother and co-worker in God's service in spreading the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you in your faith, 3 so that no one would be unsettled by these trials.

