

**“What Children Need More Than Oreos” \***  
**June 22, 2008 \* Proverbs 10**

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2. Significant \_\_\_\_\_ to carry out
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4. They need \_\_\_\_\_ (people who will remind them of their intrinsic worth)

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3. What did Walker Moore do in his church when he was a youth pastor?

B. Recognize the power of \_\_\_\_\_ as the carriers of grace.

1. What principles do we learn in Proverbs 10 about imparting grace through our words?

C. Know that our children will look for \_\_\_\_\_ grace if they don’t receive it from us.

1. What does Satan want a child without grace to feel like?
2. What counterfeit forms of grace will a leftover child turn to?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ dependence.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ grace.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ grace.
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ graces.

D. Find A \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Like whom?

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2. Significant **tasks** to carry out
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4. They need **grace deposits** (people who will remind them of their intrinsic worth)

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II. What The Bible Says About Law and Grace

A. James 2:13

**Judgment is necessary – What would happen to a world where the wrong was not judged? It would collapse into chaos in short order. But if push comes to shove, let mercy win the day.**

B. Matthew 23:23

**“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices – mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law – justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter without neglecting the former.”**

C. Should Jesus heal (grace) on the Sabbath Day (law)?

**The Pharisees were incensed that Jesus would heal on the Sabbath Day. He was breaking their law. But he was also showing mercy. Which should win out? Jesus said, “If you had known what these words mean, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice’ you would not have condemned the innocent.” (Matt.12:7). And he healed, gladly, readily healed.**

D. So what does all this have to do with parenting?

**In parenting, children need the law. Their sinful hearts, their untrained hearts, need the law, need the rules, need the discipline which parents provide, and woe to them if they do not get it. Children raised without rules and discipline will lead the most miserable of lives and become a terror on society. But they also need grace, bucketfuls and bucketfuls of grace, spoken into their hearts. They need to know that they are loved, that their life matters, that they have worth. They need hands that correct, but 51% of the time, more often than not, they need hands that draw them in for hugs.**

III. How Are We To Receive This Grace?

A. In God’s design of the family, **grandparents** are the imparters of great grace into the heart of a child.

1. “Grandparents are the downfall of America!” What does Walker Moore mean?

**“Many of our children do not have grandparents who are willing or able to extend the caring, loving concern that their grandchildren need. As a result, many of today’s kids grow up without anyone in their lives who takes on a true grandparent role. Kids who don’t have grandparents in their lives miss a lot of grace.” – Walker Moore**

2. What can help fill in the gaps today?

**A healthy church (emphasis on healthy) can provide surrogates of sorts. For here is indeed a family of old and young, where the generations interweave together. The shame of it, Walker Moore says, is that sadly many churches today are starting to copycat the world by segregating the various age groups out from one another with very little interaction.**

3. What did Walker Moore do in his church when he was a youth pastor?

**He taught his kids empathy for the struggles older people deal with, and this helped break down the walls between them.**

B. Recognize the power of **words** as the carriers of grace.

1. What principles do we learn in Proverbs 10 about imparting grace through our words?

**“The mouth of the righteous is a foundation of life, but violence overwhelms the mouth of the wicked. Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs. Wisdom is found on the lips of the discerning, but a rod is for the back of him who lacks judgment. Wise men store up knowledge but the mouth of a fool invites ruin.” (vss.11-14). “He who conceals his hatred has lying lips, and whoever spreads slander is a fool. When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise. The tongue of the righteous is choice silver, but the heart of the wicked is of little value. The lips of the righteous nourish many, but fools die for lack of judgment.” (vss.18-21). “The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but a perverse tongue will be cut out. The lips of the righteous know what is fitting, but the mouth of the wicked only what is perverse.” (vss.31-32)**

C. Know that our children will look for **counterfeit** grace if they don't receive it from us.

1. What does Satan want a child without grace to feel like?

**“Without grace deposits, kids can end up feeling like leftovers...Satan wants your children to see themselves as leftovers: unusable and unnecessary. Leftover children become leftover adults. People who have a leftover mentality never change the world. They don't feel needed. They don't sense their part in a greater plan. They certainly don't become capable, responsible, self-reliant adults.” ~ Walker Moore**

2. What counterfeit forms of grace will a leftover child turn to?

a. **Peer** dependence.

b. **Techno-** grace.

c. **My-Space** grace.

d. **Trading** graces.

D. Find A **Grace Team**.

1. Like whom?

Sunday School teachers, mentors, youth leaders, family, friends.