



20 March 2022

COMMON PARENTING MISTAKES (PART 1)

I must admit that when the church asked me to write an article on common parenting mistakes, I was apprehensive because I felt so unqualified. I have made so many parenting mistakes in the last 19 years. But after prayer, I decided to write from my experience and observations. My hope is that others can learn from my mistakes and observations. In this article, I will discuss three common parenting mistakes.

Mistake No. 1 – Adopting an Authoritarian Style

Authoritarian parents maintain a high level of control over their children. They set very strict rules and are likely to punish their children if the rules are broken. Such parents adopt a top-down approach, with little or no reasoning with their children. In fact, children in such homes have little or no say. They are expected to do as they are told. Authoritarian parents seldom praise their children. But any slight infringement by their children will bring about a scolding or punishment. This parenting style is typical of many Asian families, especially the older generation. Children in such families may suffer from low self-esteem, and rebel against authority figures when older.

Research has shown that children of highly authoritarian parents are likely to become authoritarian parents themselves. In fact, I grew up in such a home. And when I became a parent, I too sought to impose a high level of control over my children. I set strict rules, and would often scold or punish them if these rules were broken. But over the years, I have learned that authoritarian parenting is

detrimental to the parent-child relationship. And I have also learned that rules without a relationship will likely lead to rebellion. Gradually, I began to change my parenting style, from authoritarian to authoritative (more on this in the second part of my article next week). I found that my relationships with my children began to improve.

Mistake No. 2 – Adopting a Permissive Style

Permissive parents are attentive and warm towards their children, but do not set many rules. Such parents are low on authority and often have trouble saying “no”. In fact, permissive parents often have trouble getting their children to obey them and speak respectfully. Some may even resort to bribing their children with gifts in exchange for good behaviour. Research has shown that children of permissive parents may show higher levels of creativity but are likely to feel entitled, that is, they are more interested in taking rather than giving in their own relationships. In some cases, permissive parenting can lead to poor self-control and behavioural issues in children.

I will share more in Part 2 next week.

Elder Jeffrey Pang
Shepherding Elder



• GOOD FRIDAY 2022

Which is the darkest moment in history? Is it the Covid-19 pandemic, which has claimed over 6 million lives? Was it World War 2 which saw 70 million lives perish? Instead, why does the bible center the darkest moment in history on the death of one man? Why will no event, past or future ever eclipse the tragedy of this Friday so long ago? Join us as we gather to remember why we call that tragic Friday, 'Good'

Date: **Fri, 15 Apr** | Time: **8pm**

English Service: Shine Auditorium

Chinese Service: Gospel Auditorium

Registration details coming soon.

• ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

Our Annual Congregation Meeting will be held via Zoom.

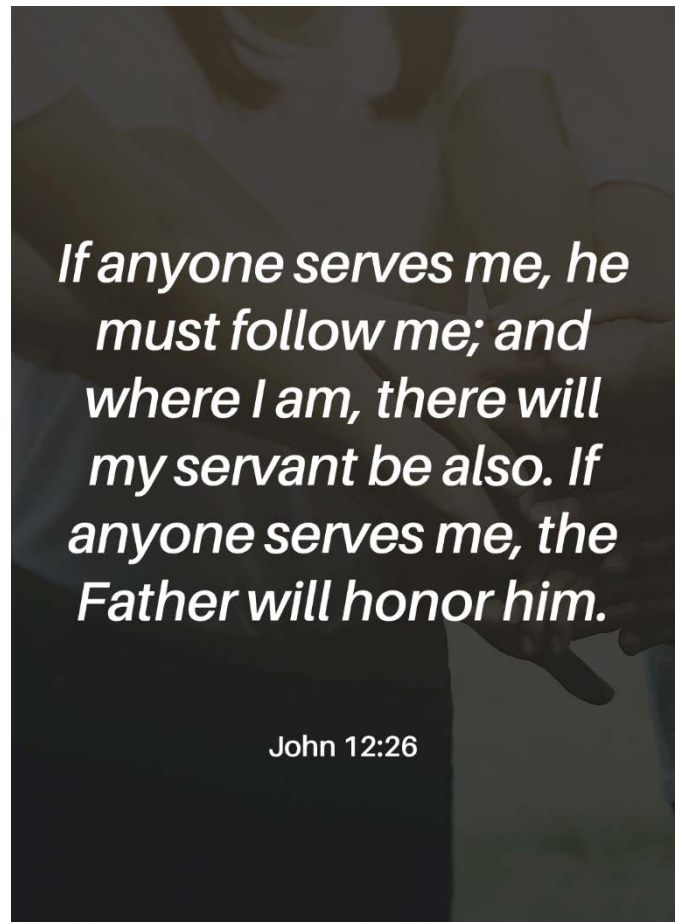
Date: **Sat, 26 Mar** | Time: 10am - 12pm

• RECRUITMENT

1. ShineKidz Supervisor

2. ShineKidz Executive

If you or anyone you know would be interested to serve with us for the above position, please contact Benita Teo at benita.teo@gospellight.sg. Details of the job position are available via our website under gospellight.sg Contact > Careers.



CLASSES & TRAININGS

• SEEKERS CLASS – COME EXPLORE CHRISTIANITY!

Where can I find lasting happiness? What is the meaning and purpose of life? Does God truly exist? There is a God-shaped hole in everyone's heart and only the Bible has the answers to fill it. If you are exploring Christianity, sign up today.

Date: **17 Apr – 22 May** (6 weeks)
Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Register at gospellight.sg > **Connect > Events** or scan the QR Code.

Registration deadline: Sun, 10 Apr



• BAPTISM

Those who have believed in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour are encouraged to be baptized. Attendance at Baptism Class is a prerequisite. Submission of written testimonies with completed application forms is a must. Register and download application forms via our website at gospellight.sg > **Connect > Events** or scan the QR code. **Registration closes on Sun, 20 Mar.**

*In light of the current Covid situation, registration is limited to 12 pax. Registrants must be fully vaccinated.

Classes are conducted via Zoom.

Baptism Class (English)

Date: 9 Apr 2022, Saturday
Time: 9:00am – 10:00am

Baptism Class (Chinese)

Date: 10 Apr 2022, Sunday
Time: 11:15am – 12:15pm

Baptism Date: 29 May 2022, Sunday
Venue: Shine Auditorium, Level 4



• MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Membership in Gospel Light is only for baptized believers of the Lord, and must be of age 16 and above. Attendance at both membership classes 1 & 2 is a prerequisite for membership application. Classes will be conducted via Zoom.

English

Date: **Sat, 14 & 21 May**
Time: 9:00am – 10:00am

Chinese

Date: **Sun, 15 & 22 May**
Time: 11:15am – 12:15pm

Register at gospellight.sg > **Connect > Events** or scan the QR code.

Registration deadline: **Sun, 17 Apr**



CLASSES & TRAININGS

• EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – BOOK OF ROMANS

This Tuesday, 22 March 2022, we will study Romans 3:5-20 and learn that God judges all men as sinful and guilty. Do come and join us. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

By: Brother Jerry Koh

Date: **Tues, 22 Mar 2022**

Time: 8pm

<https://bit.ly/3qbCrXM>

Meeting ID: **823 1079 0127**

Passcode: **076541**

• BEGINNING INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY (BIBS) – HAGGAI, ZECHARIAH, MALACHI

Responding to the declaration of Cyrus, king of Persia, to build a house for Yahweh in Jerusalem, some fifty thousand people left Babylon to return to their homeland for that task. However, the work of building the temple did not go beyond the laying the foundation stone. Sixteen years later, the Word of the Lord came to two prophets, Haggai and Zechariah, who encouraged the people to 'Consider your ways', and 'Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit' and thus the task was finally accomplished. Malachi came years later to confront the priests and the people regarding their attitudes towards the LORD

What might we learn about God from the messages of Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi to the people in those days? How might we apply these messages in our lives today? Join us in this learning community to study the Bible inductively together. Your commitment is between one to three hours of personal study and two hours discussion weekly when we share and consolidate our discoveries and clarify our difficulties and doubts.

Cost: \$15/- for the NISS study guide and Observation Worksheets.

Date(s): Mondays, 11 Apr to 26 Sep

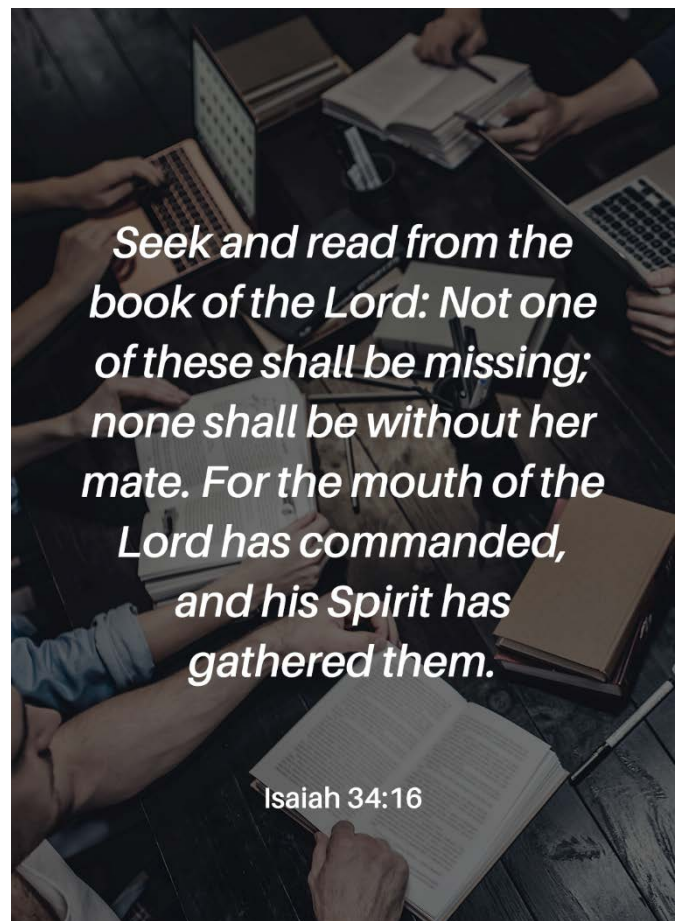
Time: 7:30pm to 9:30pm

Instructor: Brothers Michael Lau & Peter Tan

Classes will be conducted via Zoom.

Registration deadline: **Mon, 21 Mar**

To register visit: gospellight.sg>connect>Events or scan the QR code.



• WORSHIP SERVICE

Following the latest measures by MCCY (11 Mar 2022), some of the key changes we will be implementing with effect from 15 March 2022 are:

- 1) No need for online registration to attend worship services.
- 2) Free seating, no zoning required.
- 3) Capacity limits for the various congregations are revised and listed in the table below.

(A) Worship Services for **Vaccinated Worshippers ONLY**

Congregational Service	Day and Time	Capacity for On-site	Livestream Link
English @ Shine Auditorium (L4)	Sunday at 9am	600 pax	http://bit.ly/38BU0rA
Chinese @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 9am	180 pax	http://bit.ly/2Ng0TXT
Filipino @ Gospel Auditorium L2	Sunday at 2pm	180 pax	http://bit.ly/30FjYFU
Youth @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Saturday at 4:30m	180 pax	https://bit.ly/2AaF8C3
Varsity @ Shine Auditorium (L4)	Sunday at 2:30pm *no service on 5 th week	600 pax	Subscribe to Varsity announcement channel https://t.me/+WDu3myEwjpcxZWU1
Bahasa @ Hall 3 (Attic)	Alternate Sunday at 10:30am	50 pax	<u>Nil</u>
Telugu @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 5pm	180 pax	http://bit.ly/30G4fXI

• Vaccinated individuals refer to those who have:

- o Been fully vaccinated, i.e. has received the appropriate regimen of World Health Organisation Emergency Use Listing (WHO EUL) vaccines including their respective duration post-vaccination for the vaccine to be fully effective, and had their vaccination records ingested in MOH's national IT systems; or
- o Recovered from COVID-19 within the last 180 days

• From 14 February 2022 onwards, persons aged 18 years and above who have completed the primary vaccination series of COVID-19 vaccines and are eligible for booster vaccination will be considered as fully vaccinated for 270 days after the last dose in their primary vaccination series. The same will apply to persons aged 12-17 years old from 14 March 2022. Persons who have recovered from COVID-19 and have completed their primary series vaccination do not require an additional booster dose at this point in time.

- Only vaccination records that are available via HealthHub app or TraceTogether app/token are accepted.
- We seek your understanding that worshippers who do not fulfil the above vaccination criteria will be turned away on-site.
- There will be no change to our Sunday morning prayer meeting at 8:15am via Zoom.
- English Meet the Pastor Session will be at 10:20am.

(B) Children Service

Children Service will remain online until further notice. Please email hannah.chee@gospellight.sg to register. Online Zoom Service on Sundays as follows:

- 11am for Primary, and
- 10:15am for Preschoolers age 3-6 years

For detailed advisory, please visit gospellight.sg>visit>service venues and timings



WEEKLY MEETINGS

- **Meet Your Pastor! – Sunday 10:20am:** <https://bit.ly/2SMMySH4>
Meeting ID: 836 428 872 | Password: Pastor
- **Wednesday Prayer Meetings – 8pm:** <https://bit.ly/35HS8uy>
Meeting ID: 812 885 158 | Password: Wednesday
- **Sunday Prayer Meetings – 8:15am:** <https://bit.ly/3drPHPn>
Meeting ID: 858 855 0326 | Password: Sunday

- If you are interested to receive our weekly prayer list, please email shine@gospellight.sg



GIVING ONLINE

You may give your offerings in the following ways:

1) PayNow

Under the UEN/Bill Reference No. section you can:

- State "NA" - Offering will go towards General Fund
- State Missions - To designate the offering

(a) Via "Scan and Pay"

- Open up your bank app and select "Scan and Pay"
- Scan the QR code below:



(b) PayNow UEN

You can also opt to key in the UEN:

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2) Internet Banking

- Add payee as Gospel Light Christian Church
- Account Number: **033-021695-5**
- Name of Beneficiary Bank: DBS Bank
- Under the Remarks section, you can leave it blank for the offering to go towards the General Fund or indicate Missions if you want to designate the offering.

3) Cheque

- Crossed cheque made payable to "Gospel Light Christian Church"
- On the reverse of the cheque, write **Gospel Light Christian Church** and the respective bank account numbers:
 - General Fund - **033-021695-5**
 - Missions Fund - **001-042653-2**
- Cheques can be deposited at any POSB or DBS bank into the church's accounts.

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