**God’s All Sufficient Grace for Adoptive Parents**

I. Introduction

II. Common Teaching/Training Adoptive Parents Receive

 A. *The Connected Child* by Karyn Purvis and others. [*www.empoweredtoconnect.org*](http://www.empoweredtoconnect.org)

 B. Here are some key components to her teaching.

 1. Clear strengths:

 2. For the best results you need to:

 a. Disarm your child’s fear response.

 b. Establish clear and sensitive parental authority.

 c. Provide a sensory rich environment.

 d. Teach appropriate social skills.

 e. Support healthy brain chemistry.

 f. Help your child connect with his or her own feelings.

 g. Forge a strong emotional bond between you and your child.

 3. TBRI – Trust Based Relational Intervention – the three guiding principles are:

 a. Empowerment—attention to physical needs;

 b. Connection—attention to attachment needs;

 c. Correction—attention to behavioral needs.

C. Significant concerns as well:

D. *God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; and God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ provide sufficient grace for adoptive parents to be faithful to God and raise their adopted children for His glory.*

III. God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 A. All of Life is rooted in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rooted in Scripture (Ps 1:1-2; Col. 3:2; 1 Sam 16:7; Is 55:8-9).

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rooted in Scripture (2 Cor. 5:9; Matt 25:23; Psalm 37:4).

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rooted in Scripture

(Psalm 119:105; Heb 5:14; 2 Tim 3:14-17; Matt 7:24-27).

B. Focus on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Matt 15:8-9; Prov 4:23; Luke 6:45; Prov 20:5).

Here is a link to a short video on You Tube -*“5 questions you must ask your kids.”* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pfI4rJ6PKyg>

 a. What happened? What was going on?

 b. What were you thinking and feeling as it was going on? (train by asking often)

 c. What did you do in response?

 d. What were you wanting? What were you hoping to accomplish?

 e. What was the result? What was the fruit?

 C. Your child’s greatest need is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Matt 16:26; Heb 4:12; Rom 5:8).

IV. God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Ezekiel 36:26; 2 Cor. 3:17-18).

1. Be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ not a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 4:13; Col 3:3).

B. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on God (Rom 12:11-12; John 14:25-26;16:7-8; Heb 3:7-8, 12-13).

V. God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (John 1:14; Matt 23:37; Gal 6:2).

 A. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*A Praying Life* by Paul Miller

*Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy: Discovering the Grace of Lament* by Mark Vroegop.

B. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with your child (Romans 5:8; Proverbs 20:5; Galatians 6:9; John 17:23).

*Jesus’ death doesn’t make us lovable; but it does make us restorable to the love the Father already has for us* (Craig Mercer, Twelve Stones Ministries)*.*

 *Get Outta My Face* by Rick Horne.

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