Kids & Questions: A Woman's Important Role

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The Why and The What

The Why

- -Kids are important!
- -Women are influencers!

The What

- -The Gospel
- -The Christian Worldview

Christian Model for Belief Formation

Timing

Which idea was heard first and/or when was a person asked to change their mind.

Key Relationships

How strong and attractive is the relationship with the person sharing the belief and how strong and healthy is the on-going relationship with the community who holds the belief.

Formative Experiences

What sort of experiences validate or invalidate the belief itself or that challenge or support the relationship with the community that holds the belief.

Desirability of Belief

How badly does a person want or not want the belief to be true and what's the cost of belief?

Strength of Argument & Evidence

How strongly does logic, factual evidence, and reasoning support the belief. This is traditional apologetics.

Timing

- -What they hear first Primacy Effect and anchoring
- -Deut. 6:5-9, Deut. 11:19, Psalm 78:2-4

As women, we have influence over timing and what our children hear first.

- -Make spiritual space in our home (busyness is a very real threat)
- -Value the younger years
- -Start today

Key Relationships

-The immense value of trust in relationships- both individually and as a group.

Building trust is just as important as building a case.

As women, we have influence by providing a trusting relationship where faith can flourish.

- -Availability
- -Conversations

Formative Experiences

-Experiences impact a different part of the brain than logic & reasoning. Experiences rewire the brain.

-Familiarity and truth

As women, we have the opportunity to make God's goodness familiar.

As women, we can influence our children's experiences and how they receive them.

Desirability of Belief

- -Humans are hard wired to believe what they want to believe.
- -Behind every question is a questioner. Prov 18:13 and Prov 18:2

Don't just check the answers box; make The Truth Desirable.

- Deconstruction and Discipleship→ Authentic Faith

As women, we have influence over our kids seeing and experiencing our genuinely, joyful and consistent faith.

Strength of Argument, Reasoning & Logic

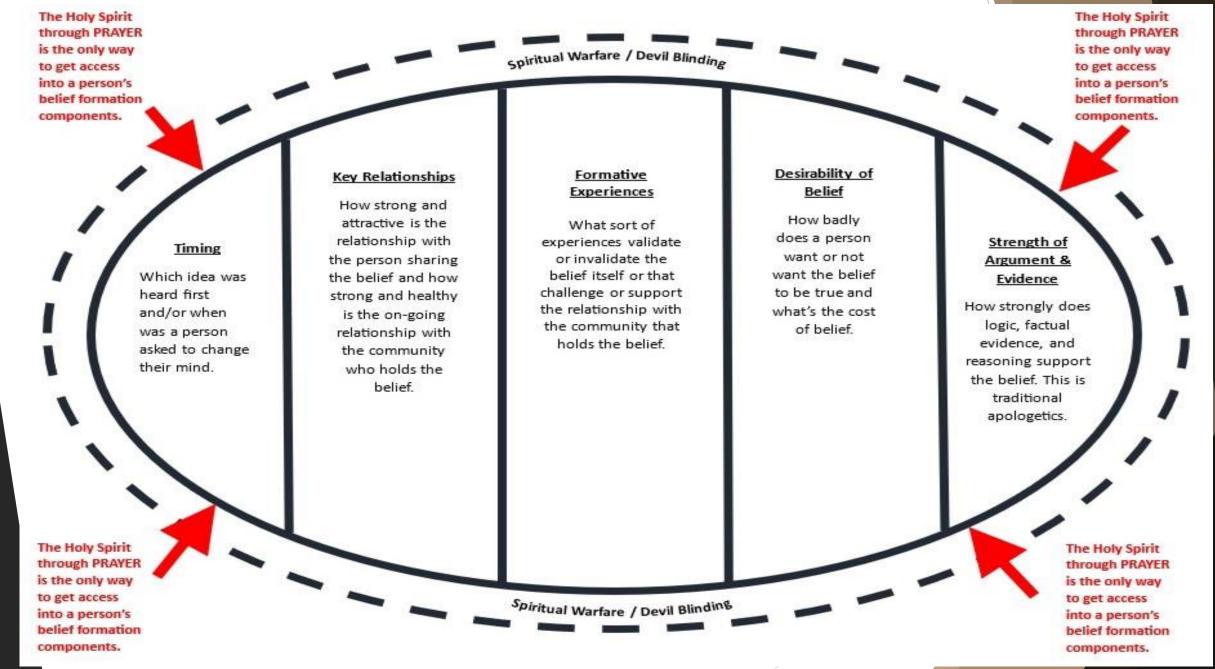
Example: Truth=Reality + Objective and Subjective Truth

Three Ways to Lean into Logic & Evidence with Kids

- -Give them vocab
- Look for teachable moments AND create intentional times
- Be Creative and Adaptable

As women, we have influence of giving our children this powerful tool of logic and reason.

One More (Most Powerful) Component to Belief Formation



Final Lesson