

The Order of the Narrow Way – Introduction

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Attention! "The Order of the Narrow Way" has now begun. What is the order of the narrow way? The Narrow way comes from 3 scripture verses. Jn14:6 Jesus called himself "the way". In Acts24:14 the Christian were called "the Way". Jesus said in Mt7:13-14 to enter the narrow gate. The narrow way is a instructions to follow the narrow road of life.

RSV John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "**I am the way**, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me.

RSV Matthew 7:13-14

13 "**Enter by the narrow gate**;....

14 For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

RSV Acts 24:14 But this I admit to you, that according to **the Way**, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the law or written in the prophets,

A teaching method.

On the sixth day God create male and female and told them to multiply in Gen 1:27-28. What happens after a few years? You have a children running around you - now what do you do?



KJV Genesis 1:27-28

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; **male and female created he them.**

28 And God blessed them, and **God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth,...**

In Prov22:6 it's stated to train up your children in way he should go. Dt4:9 says to ensure your children and children's children are trained. Who is to do the training? The parent and grandparent are to have the majority influence and the only effective way to do that is in a controlled area such as home schooling.



KJV Proverbs 22:6 **Train up a child in the way he should go**: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

RSV Deuteronomy 4:9

9 "Only take heed, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things which your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life; **make them known to your children and your children's children--**

What is the frequency of the training? Every day and every part of the day as Dt6:7 points out: when you are sitting, walking, lying and rising.

RSV Deuteronomy 6:7

7 and you shall **teach them diligently to your children**, and **shall talk of them** when **you sit in your house**, and when **you walk by the way**, and when **you lie down**, and when **you rise**.

What is the duration of the training? The primary focus is to train them properly before they move out of the house when they are an adult.

Proper training is critical since that determines the lifespan of the children - Ex20:12

RSV Exodus 20:12 "**Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land** which the Lord your God gives you.



This is where I was stuck for a long time. I knew of the importance which Jesus has commanded the parents to train their children but I never have seen any course curriculum on what exactly to train a child and in what order. After a lot of praying over this, thoughts began coming to me and the idea of what to train started to fall into place.

What's the first thing that you need to do before you start training?

Have a goal or target in mind!



Your training requirements would be vastly different if your running goal is to run a mile verses running a marathon (26.2 miles).

What is the goal of Biblical training? The first goal is **to Stand**. Babylon is coming for each and every one of us. Everyone will be tested at some point -1Pt5:8-10

RSV 1 Peter 5:8-10

8 Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary **the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking some one to devour.**

9 **Resist him, firm in your faith**, knowing that the same experience of suffering is required of your brotherhood throughout the world.

10 And **after you have suffered a little while**, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself **restore, establish, and strengthen you.**



The serpent divided Adam and Eve from God's blessings and then went after their son Cain. God encouraged Cain to overcome his angry thoughts in Gen4:7 but Cain still killed his brother Abel. The serpent/devil/babylon influence was overpowering. One of the key elements of standing is knowing the promises of God. God won't allow you to be tempted beyond your breaking point. It could be bad now. Tomorrow could be even worse and the next day even more terrible. A trained Christian stands even if there is no possible way of escape knowing that an escape path will be shown.

RSV Genesis 4:7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, **sin is couching at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it."**

RSV 1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. **God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength**, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

A parent has a small window of opportunity where they are the sole influences on that child. They control what the child sees, hears, reads and eats. They control what and who they play with and what they learn.

As time passes by that impervious parental shield cracks and breaks away and the child begins to have non-parental influences - many who will be against the beliefs of the parent.

Some of the other purposes of training are:

- Bonding with your child. You can't grow a garden by throwing seeds on the ground and walking away. It takes tilling the ground, preparing the bed, watering, pruning and weeding for the plant to take root and thrive.
- Keep the child active and out of trouble
- Develop character skills
- Incorporate the bible into activities which shows that the bible and everyday life is not separate. The bible is filled with examples on how to live and what to do in different circumstances.
- Train the child to stand up and resist pressure from the government, peers and society.

There are four levels to the training with the levels overlapping and adjusted by determination of what the child can handle.

stage	action
Lamb	Seed bed preparation, preparing the mind & spirit for teaching
Daniel	Building up knowledge of the bible to make a stand
David	Skill building: incorporation of bible with skill building
Disciple	Fully prepared for work in the vineyard, continual education, specialization

The second high level goal of training is training the child to be an offensive weapon as an adult. This is training the child how to defend his beliefs -1Pt3:15 and then counterattack with preaching the gospel -2Tim4:2.

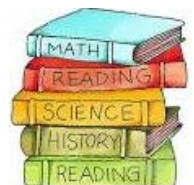


1Pe 3:15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, **always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you;** yet do it with gentleness and respect,

2Ti 4:2 **preach the word; be ready in season and out of season;** reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

One has the goals but where's the course curriculum and lesson plans found in the bible?

They are scattered throughout the bible. The first and foremost lesson is to teach the child to seek after the kingdom -Mt6:33.



RSV Matthew 6:31-33

31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

32 For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.

33 But **seek first his kingdom and his righteousness**, and all these things shall be yours as well.

This lesson connects the heart, mind and soul of the child to Jesus. The child will have confidence in trusting in Jesus in times of trouble while as a child or years later as an adult. Early & frequent training are the keys since a parent has no idea when their ability to train their child will be forcibly stopped.

The parents of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in Dan 1:1-6 had their training plans cut short when King Nebuchadnezzar came and kidnaped them from the land of Israel and brought them to Babylon where they were indoctrinated in the Chaldean literature and language. The short period of training that the parents in training Daniel was enough to ward off the Babylonian influences.

Dan 1:1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.

Dan 1:2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the vessels of the house of God. And he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and placed the vessels in the treasury of his god.

Dan 1:3 Then the king commanded Ashpenaz, his chief eunuch, to bring some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility,

Dan 1:4 youths without blemish, of good appearance and skillful in all wisdom, endowed with knowledge, understanding learning, and competent to stand in the king's palace, and **to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans.**

Dan 1:5 The king assigned them a daily portion of the food that the king ate, and of the wine that he drank. They were to be **educated for three years**, and at the end of that time they were to stand before the king.

Dan 1:6 Among these were **Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah** of the tribe of Judah.

You don't turn on the water hose of knowledge on the child so that he will be overwhelmed but pace it out. The training must be paced to each child. Jesus had to pace his teaching out to the disciples in Jn16:12 when Jesus said he had many things to say but the apostles couldn't bear them. In Col3:21 it states not to provoke your children lest they become discouraged



RSV John 16:12 "I have yet **many things to say** to you, but **you cannot bear them now.**

RSV Colossians 3:21 Fathers, **do not provoke** your children, **lest they become discouraged.**

The Skill building phase teaches skills that the Israelites had. The 40 years of wandering in the desert and King David's fleeing from Jerusalem highlights skills that the Israelites had at that time and skills that would come in handy at present. Each one can be developed as a separate lesson showing all the examples of that skill, where it was used, why it is important at that time and right now and how the gospel message can be incorporated into each skill.

Some of the skill buildings are:

Beans

- Husbandry (how to take care of livestock so you can eat them)
- Gardening (how to grow enough for self, family and market)
- Hunting, Trapping, Tracking down game for food
- Preserving food (tanning, long term storage: 7 year rest and jubilee years)
- Water sources finding (Jesus as living water and where to find water in the wilderness)
- Safe cooking methods (don't eat blood & fat....)



Bullets

- Weapon training (protection from evil doers)
- Spiritual training and armor
- Diplomacy (**Pro 15:1** A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.)
- Military maneuvers (training in case of attack ie Abraham rescuing Lot)



Band aids

- Jesus as the ultimate healer
- Plants and other items mentioned in the bible as healing agents



Bivouac

- Camping (creating shelter), hiking and mountaineering
- Tree felling, Wood gathering & Fire starting
- Knots for various purposes
- Identification of stones, plants, animals, snakes, poisons
- Navigation (stars, map reading)
- Leadership & management of people



Bible

- Source of truth, verification and guidance.
- Definition of salvation and path



Each one of these has a rich vein of examples being demonstrated, purpose for it, biblical principles and how it can be applied today. Each skill can be broken up based on the child's age and ability.

A parent will not know all these areas now (many areas I haven't a clue at this time) – but they should become familiar with the area before they teach them to their child.

Future studies will go into those skills and knowledge that God demonstrates Israel should have.

Regards,
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Called/Chosen + Hear + Believe + Repent + Confess + Baptize + Abide = Salvation -> Proclaim
Mt22:14 + Lk11:28 + Jn3:16 + Mk6:12 +Rm10:9 +Acts2:38 + Heb10:26 = 1 Pt 3:21 -> Mt28:19-20

<p>2014 Completed Bible studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1/1/14 – The 3 themes of Christmas - 1/18/14 -The bible vs. the Churches (G) - 1/26/14 - Where are all the miracles? (G) - 2/6/14 - Second round Prophet - 2/14/14 – In the Beginning... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3/8/14 – Archeology of Genesis (G) - 3/25/14 – The Noah train - 4/12/14 – The best military money can buy (G) - 4/30/14 – The Law before the Law which is the Law – part 1 - 5/17/14 – Order of the Narrow Way – Introduction (G)
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