

# The Final Say?



# REALife Application

Eph. 6:4

“No matter what I say, they will have the final say.”

## 1. Parenting Styles Aimed At Control

- A. Helicopter Parent: No Responsibility
- B. Drill Sergeant Parent: No Freedom
- C. 911 Parent: No Adventure
- D. Barney Parent: No Limits
- E. AWOL Parent: No Companionship

## 2. Parenting Aimed At Shaping Character

- A. Training Parent: Competence
- B. Inspiring Parent: Confidence
- C. Dependent Parent: Commitment

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or REALife Group.

1. If you have children, describe your experience parenting them. If you don't have children describe your experience being parented.

2. Why is it so important to avoid trying to control your child's life choices? Do you find your parenting characterized by a “controlling” parenting style? Which one?

3. Of the three ways we shape our child's character, which one do you excel at? Which one needs improvement?

4. We all know that modeling is motivating. What are some ways to model Godly character to children?



### Memory Verse

*Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.*  
Ephesians 6:4



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