WOUNDS

1. Father Wounds
2. Angry Father

Eph. 6:4 “And ye father, provoke not your children to wrath:”

Problem: He says things that often define a child’s view of himself. The unpredictability of his anger may cause the child to have trauma and develop anxiety. Often the child becomes angry as well.

1. Absent Father

Exodus 22:22 “Ye shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child.”

Psalm 68:5 “A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.”

Problem: He has left and often reinforces the rejection by his words and actions.

1. Passive Father

I Thessalonians 2:11 “As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children,”

Problem: He is there and he provides, but he is not involved in a parent/child relationship

1. Permissive Father

I Samuel 3:13 “For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.”

Problem: May be a good father, but he does not love enough to say, “No.”

1. Demanding Father

Ephesians 6:4 “And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”

Problem: He gives no affirmation, but has perfectionistic expectations which result in criticism of any failure.

1. Mother Wounds
2. Absence of Nurture

I Thessalonians 2:7-8 “But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children: So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.”

Problem: She does not have a nurturing spirit toward her children. They do not feel cherished and nurtured.

1. Absence of Time

Proverbs 29:15 “The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.”

Problem: She does not spend time with her children. This could be for a variety of reasons. It could be selfish, but it could be because she is attempting to survive after a divorce.

1. Absence of Safety

Matthew 23:37 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!”

Problem: Because of her selfishness she puts her children in precarious situations.

1. Absence of Submission

Ephesians 5:22-24 “Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.”

Problem: She lacks a submissive attitude toward her husband and the father of her children.

1. Spouse Wounds
2. Embittered Husband

Col. 3:19 “Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.”

Problem: He has chosen to harbor bitterness against his wife for her wrongs, failings or weaknesses and does not unconditionally love her.

1. Disrespectful Wife

Eph. 5:33 “. . . and the wife see that she reverence her husband.”

Problem: She has chosen to be disrespectful toward her husband instead of reverencing him despite his lack of love.

1. Other Wounds

Matthew 18:7 “Woe unto the world because of offences! For it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!”