PARENTING STYLES

Authoritarian	Permissive / Gentle	Blended
■ Rules with little explanation ■ Demands compliance ■ Loving parents but bend child to their will	■ Fewer rules but explanation ■ Listen to children and change the rules if necessary ■ Time out and deprivation	■ Rules/some explanation and age specific for explanation
■ Allows spanking	■ Absolutely no spanking ■ Nurturing rather than punishing ■ Sees no behavior as bad—just an unmet need	■ Controlled spanking for more serious problems, for obedience-resistant child and not after age eight ■ No yelling; few second warnings
■ Less adult supervision and more free-play time ■ No TV in kid's room until appropriate age	■ Hovering by parents and structuring of most child's activities (hyper scheduling) out- of-school	■ Some scheduling of child's activities but more free play (avoid over-scheduling out-of-school activities)
■ A scripture-based relationship in which the parent dictates to the child	■ Adults and children often act as co-equals in decision making ■ Parents see the child as little adult ■ Child centered	■ Child does more of what he sees parents do, not what they say
■ Little emphasis on warmth	■ Touchy/feely relationship ■ High in warmth ■ Low in demandingness	■ Child is positively affected by his being shown affection and seeing his parents show each other affection (builds warmth)
■ Builds obedience but not respect and self-reliance	■ This democratic style claims to build independence and respect	■ This style promotes respect/self-reliance and avoids narcissism