



- Jan 29: About mom, dad and our Father
- Feb 5: About raising the kids
- Feb 12: About flying solo
- Feb 19: About life after the wedding day

Fathers, do not exasperate (*paraorgizō*) your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4



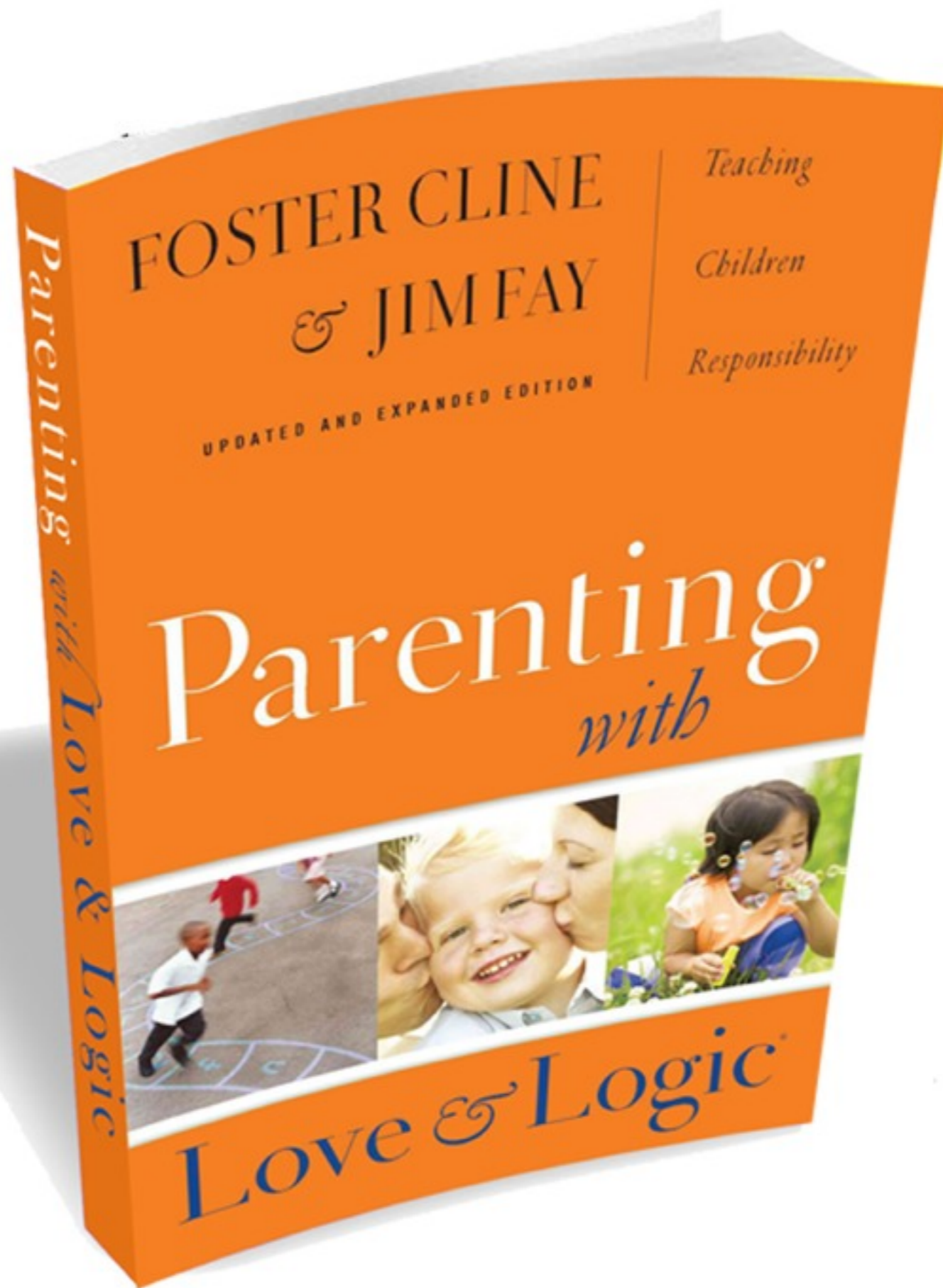
Those who are pregnant with evil conceive trouble and give birth to disillusionment.

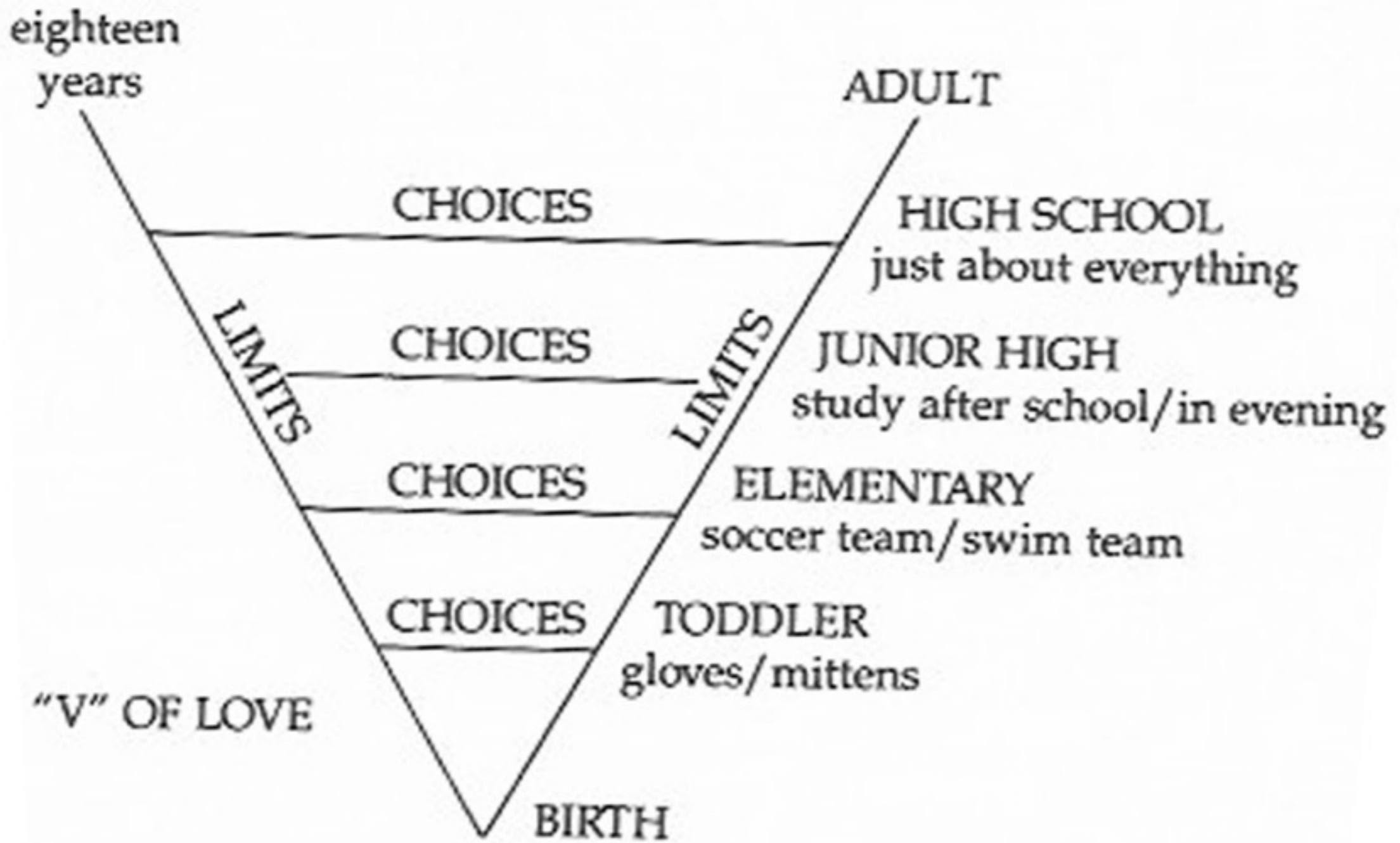
Those who dig a hole and scoop it out fall into the pit they have made.

*The trouble they cause recoils on them; their violence comes down on their own heads.*

Psalm 7:14-16 (emphasis added)







God's beloved child (Jn 1:12 / Eph 1:5)

Declared perfectly righteous ("Justified") (Rom 5:1)

Filled with the "fullness of God" (Eph 3:19)

A "holy one" [saint] (Eph 1:1)

Blessed with every spiritual blessing (Eph 1:3)

Holy and Blameless and made perfect forever  
(Eph 1:4 & Heb 10:14)



Bathed with wisdom and understanding (Eph 1:8)

Given an eternal, infinitely rich, inheritance (Eph 1:11, 18)

Made to be inseparable from God's love (Rom 8:35-39)

One over whom the Lord rejoices, sings and claps  
(Zeph 3:17)

One for whom the Lord throws a party  
(Zeph 3:17; Lk 15:7-10)

Made complete in Christ (Col 2:10)



Given a spirit of fearlessness (2 Tim 1:7)

Become God's precious work of art (Eph 2:10)

Become more than a conqueror in all things (Rom 8:37)

One who can do all things in Christ (Phil 4:13)



All “YOU ARE” statements should be positive

All negative statements should be “YOU’VE DONE...”

All discipline should include contrasting the negative “YOU’VE Done” with the positive “YOU ARE”



Abasi, this thing you have done is not you. You are the beloved son of your father, whose brother is our chief. He is a great man whom everyone looks up to, and you are his great son. Your father has honored our people by being a great builder and courageous hunter. He has helped many build strong structures and provided food for many families, and we all know, Abasi, that you will do the same, for you are his son. You have the integrity and strength of your father; we all know this.



And you have the the integrity and beauty of your mother; we all know this. You have the wisdom of our ancestors in you; we all know this. And you have the character and courage of our God; we all know this. This thing you have done is not you, Abasi. For you are destined for greatness, and we all honor and love you.

