

Provoking Parents Teaching Our Children to Live Lives of Surrender



- The word “provoke” means “to call into _____, to move, to stir up.”
- As parents, we are provoking our children, either positively or negatively. Ephesians 6:4; Hebrews 10:24
- According to Romans 6:12-13, there are two ways we can live our lives:
 - We can obey the lusts of our _____ and do wrong.
 - We can surrender our bodies to God and do what is _____.
- The concept of surrendering our wills to God should begin early in childhood and must be instilled by the _____.
- The word “temperance” carries this idea of giving up our wants and carnal desires and yielding ourselves to do what _____ would have us to do.
1 Corinthians 9:25; Galatians 5:23

What are the obstacles that parents face in instilling temperance in their children?

First, the law of _____ that dwells in your children's flesh. Romans 7:23

- The _____ seeks the path of least resistance and greatest enjoyment. Every one of us is born with this law of sin in our flesh. Galatians 5:24-25

Second, bad _____ in the parents.

- The character of parents tends to be _____ on to their children.
- *“And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day.”*
Ezekiel 2:3

Third, living life by the “_____” principle.

- This is when people _____ for the sake of fun and make decisions based upon what is fun and enjoyable for their flesh.
- God created us to worship, serve, and glorify Him. This means two things:
 - It means _____. Ephesians 4:28
 - It means seeking to _____ God rather than ourselves. John 4:34; 2 Corinthians 5:15
- When parents allow their children to live life by the _____ principle, it greatly hinders the instilling of spiritual surrender and temperance into their children's lives.