

## Provoking Parents:

### Teaching Our Children to Live Lives of Surrender – Part 2

**Why is it so important that parents instill in their children the principles of surrender and temperance?**

**First, because it will give your child \_\_\_\_\_ strength.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ requires mental concentration which is wearying.  
Ecclesiastes 12:12
- Did you know that God expects us to be disciplined in our minds?  
2 Corinthians 10:5; Philippians 4:8; 1 Peter 1:13
- What keeps children from being disciplined in their minds? What brings a lack of temperance?
  1. Parents encourage shallow \_\_\_\_\_ of entertainment.
  2. Parents fail to take the initiative in training their children's \_\_\_\_\_.
    - It is up to parents to teach their children at a young age to pay attention mentally.
    - They must **teach** them to be temperate and controlled in their \_\_\_\_\_ processes. It doesn't come naturally. Proverbs 22:15

**Second, because it will give your child \_\_\_\_\_ strength.**

- God expects us to be in \_\_\_\_\_ of our emotions. Proverbs 16:32, 25:28  
→ When a person loses their temper or temperance, he has, in fact, lost control of his emotions.
- “Meekness” carries the idea of \_\_\_\_\_ strength or controlled emotions.  
→ A person who is \_\_\_\_\_ is someone who has his emotions disciplined.
- Emotional stability is necessary for a \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Galatians 5:22-23; 1 Timothy 3:3; 2 Timothy 2:24-25; Titus 3:2
- Parents need to help their children to develop emotional strength by not allowing them to display emotional \_\_\_\_\_. If not, this will lead to a pattern of emotional weakness.

### **Third, it will help your child to be organized and \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Whatever organizational ability a person possesses comes from the discipline that has been instilled in his life.
- Organization is essentially \_\_\_\_\_ ahead. This requires disciplining ourselves to foresee future needs and problems.
- The Bible has a word for this: \_\_\_\_\_. Proverbs 27:23
- When a person has been disciplined to be diligent and organized, several things happen:
  1. He is successful in his \_\_\_\_\_. Proverbs 10:4, 13:4, 22:29
  2. He tends to \_\_\_\_\_ to leadership. Proverbs 12:24
  3. People have \_\_\_\_\_ in him. 2 Corinthians 8:22-23
  4. He \_\_\_\_\_ spiritually. 2 Peter 1:5-8
- Parents that do not instill discipline in their children's lives are doing their children a great disservice because their children will lack organization and diligence.
- Here are some practical tips that will help parents to instill temperance in their children's lives:
  1. Teach your children to accept and fulfill responsibility.
  2. Instill in your children a strong \_\_\_\_\_ ethic.
  3. Use \_\_\_\_\_ as a reward for hard work, but not a way of life.
  4. Limit their television intake and encourage them to use their \_\_\_\_\_.
  5. Never allow uncontrolled emotional outbursts and \_\_\_\_\_ tantrums.
  6. Insist that your children be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and take care of their possessions.
  7. Help them to establish \_\_\_\_\_ priorities in life.
  8. Be an example to your children and always be \_\_\_\_\_.