

## Provoking Parents Provoking Our Children to Love the Truth

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- As parents, we are provoking our children, either positively or negatively. Ephesians 6:4; Hebrews 10:24
- We live in a world that specializes in telling \_\_\_\_\_ to our children.
- Parents must provoke their children to love the truth of God’s Word. We must develop in our children a hunger and desire for truth.

### **What happens when parents provoke their children to love the Bible?**

- There is a three-fold progression that takes place:
  - Their children have a teachable spirit to \_\_\_\_\_ truth. vs. 1-2
  - Next, their children develop a \_\_\_\_\_ for truth. vs. 3
  - Next, their children \_\_\_\_\_ truth for themselves. vs. 4
- Parents, do you know what happens when you instill in your children a love for God’s truth?
  1. Your children will understand what it is to have a healthy \_\_\_\_\_ and reverence for the Lord.
  2. Your children will acquire the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

## **Why is it so crucial for parents to provoke their children to love the Bible?**

- Parents - without God's Word your children have absolutely no way to gain godly wisdom. vs. 6
- What is the result? Without God's Word, your children:
  - Will pick the wrong \_\_\_\_\_. vs. 11-13, 20
  - Will take \_\_\_\_\_ lightly. vs. 14
  - Will live a life of dishonesty. vs. 15
  - Will continually make \_\_\_\_\_ decisions. vs. 16-19

## **How do parents provoke their children to love the Bible?**

- You must develop in them the \_\_\_\_\_ of going to God's Word each and every day. vs. 4-6
- Here are a few practical tips:
  - Start \_\_\_\_\_.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ their reading.
  - Provide \_\_\_\_\_ incentive.
  - Enforce the policy.
  - Be an \_\_\_\_\_.

## Provoking Parents Provoking Our Children to Embrace Righteousness



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- As parents, we are provoking our children, either positively or negatively. Ephesians 6:4; Hebrews 10:24
- In this world, Satan is trying so hard to completely \_\_\_\_\_ any line between right and wrong.
- Yet, the Bible says in Psalm 11:7, God is righteous, loves righteousness, and takes notice of a righteous person.
- How do we define right and wrong? God’s \_\_\_\_\_ is the definition of righteousness. Psalm 119:172
- Parents, it is vital that we teach our children to embrace righteousness, as defined by God’s Word. Why is this so crucial?
  - Because doing right brings \_\_\_\_\_. Psalm 37:37
  - Because doing right brings God’s strength. Psalm 37:39
  - Because doing right brings \_\_\_\_\_. Psalm 32:11
  - Because doing right brings life. Proverbs 11:19, 12:28, 21:21
  - Because doing right brings \_\_\_\_\_. Proverbs 11:18

## **How do parents instill the concept of righteousness in their children?**

### **First, teach righteousness as a \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Rather than doing what they \_\_\_\_\_ to do, we must teach children to do what they ought to do - to do what is right. Psalm 11:7; Romans 6:12-13; 1 Corinthians 15:34

### **Second, \_\_\_\_\_ the principle of righteousness.**

- You have to back up your words with \_\_\_\_\_.
- When they want to disobey, you must \_\_\_\_\_ upon obedience. Colossians 3:20

### **Third, teach righteousness by \_\_\_\_\_.**

- What we \_\_\_\_\_ speaks louder than what we \_\_\_\_\_.  
2 Timothy 1:5
- If your \_\_\_\_\_ is not consistent with what you teach, you are sowing the seeds of rebellion.

### **Fourth, teach righteousness \_\_\_\_\_ and long.**

- When they are able to understand speech, begin to instill the principle of righteousness. 2 Timothy 3:15
- This will provide a \_\_\_\_\_ that will serve your child well his or her entire life. Matthew 7:24-27

## Provoking Parents Teaching Our Children to Live Lives of Surrender



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- 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.

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_.