The Good, the Bad and the Ugly of Parenting

Amazing people you can learn from: Eli and Elkanah **1 Samuel 1-3** Chris Mueller 5-17-2020

Introduction:

12 Rules for Raising Delinquent Children

1. Begin with infancy to give the child everything he wants. In this way, he will grow up to believe the world owes him a living.

2. When he picks up bad words, laugh at him. This will make him think he's cute. It will also encourage him to pick up "cuter" phrases that will blow your mind later.

3. Never give him any spiritual training. Wait until he is 18 or 21, and then let him "decide for himself."

4. Avoid use of the word "wrong." This will later condition him to believe that society is against him and he is being persecuted when he is stealing a car.

5. Pick up everything he leaves lying around—books, shoes and clothing. Do everything for him so he will be experienced in throwing all responsibility on others.

6. Let him read any printed matter he can get his hands on. Take care that his food is healthy and plates are clean, but let his mind feast on garbage.

7. Quarrel frequently in the presence of your children—this way they'll not be too shocked when the home is broken up later.

8. Give a child all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn his own. Why should he have things as tough as you had them?

9. Satisfy his every craving for food, drink and comfort—see that every sensual desire is gratified. Denial may lead to harmful frustration.

l0. Take his side against neighbors, teachers and policemen. Defend him when he is wrong. They are all prejudiced against your child.

11. When he gets into real trouble, apologize for yourself by saying "I never could do anything with him."

12. Prepare for a life of grief. You will have it.

Background in 1 Samuel Chapters 1-3

#1 M_____ the Lord in your lifestyle

1st By showing God alone is _____

> **Colossians 3:16** *Let the Word of Christ richly dwell in you.*
> **Ephesians 5:18** *Be filled with the Spirit.*

2nd By living under the Bible as the _____

3rd By displaying the Lord as a _____

#2 M_____ the Lord in your lifestyle

> **J.C. RYLE** To give children good instruction and a bad example, is but beckoning them with the head to show them the way to heaven, while we take them by the hand and lead them the way of Hell.
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> **1 Corinthians 11:1** *Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.*

A - Bad _____ or bad beginnings do not cancel out the grace of God

> **1 Samuel 12:23** *Far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you, but I will instruct you in the good and right way.*

B - Parents are not responsible for their children's <u>sin</u>, just their children's _____ to sin

C - Religion is not the answer, _____ is the answer.

Model Christ by following <u>TEN</u> key principles

1. Love God with all your heart
2. Serve and love other people
3. Pray and read your Bible every day
4. Please and obey God, *no matter what*
5. Always tell the truth
6. Always keep your word
7. Finish what you start
8. Use your time wisely
9. Always look your best
10. Give it all you've got! Work hard!

Model Christ by <u>DOING</u> the FOLLOWING

1. Show that the Lord matters the most to me in every way
2. Enjoy life and ministry
3. Plan family time and days off
4. Talk with clarity:
   a. Say what I mean one-time-only
   b. Set time limits
   c. Do not threaten or raise voice
   d. Correct so as to build up
5. Listen to everything: important and unimportant
6. Answer all questions
7. Give affection and attention
8. Be a companion
9. Answer all calls
10. Allow grace to overrule discipline when it was an accident

MODEL Christ, by <u>NOT</u> doing the FOLLOWING

1. Allow a media, phone, computer, movie, gamer, sports, etc. mindset
2. Give work more attention than the home
3. Allow friends to be more important than family
4. Give a busy signal
5. Threaten, explode, or be silent

LOCKDOWN CHALLENGES

CHALLENGE ONE: Magnify the Lord with _____ quality

CHALLENGE TWO: Correct _____ behavior which does not display Christ

CHALLENGE THREE: The 'TRINITY' CHALLENGE _____ and THREE