

PARENTING BY THE BOOK
ENCOURAGING CHILDREN FOR DOING THE RIGHT THING

1. REVIEW

A. "CHILDREN MUST BE **TAUGHT TO OBEY**. THEY DO **NOT** COME **PRESET TO OBEY**... THEY COME **PRESET TO DISOBEY**. **THEREFORE, OBEDIENCE MUST BE TAUGHT.**" - DR. STEPHEN LAWSON

1. **NO CHILD IS ENDOWED WITH SELF-CONTROL FROM BIRTH.**
2. **NOR... HAVE THEY EXPERIENCED ENOUGH OF LIFE TO KNOW HOW TO DISCIPLINE THEMSELVES.**
3. **PARENTS FULFILL THAT ROLE AS TEACHERS.**

B. "**ENCOURAGING**" CHILDREN **FOR DOING THE RIGHT THINGS.**

C. **Proverbs 15:2 (NASB)** The tongue of the wise makes knowledge acceptable, **But** the mouth of fools spouts folly.

1. A **MORE EFFECTIVE MEANS** THAN "**PROVOKING CHILDREN TO ANGER**" AND "**EXASPERATING**" THEM, IS TO **ENCOURAGE THEM FOR DOING THE RIGHT THINGS.**

D. OUR CHILDREN **WILL GO THROUGH TIMES** WHEN IT **SEEMS LIKE** THEY ARE **NEVER GOING TO DO THE RIGHT THING.**

1. WE GIVE THEM **CONSEQUENCES**... **BUT, OFTEN NO CHANGE.**
2. IF YOU HAVE **CONSISTENTLY USED MANY FORMS OF CONSEQUENCES** WITH YOUR CHILDREN, **BUT** SEE **LITTLE TO NO DIFFERENCE IN THEIR BEHAVIOR**... **PERHAPS IT'S TIME TO CONSIDER ANOTHER APPROACH.**
3. **MAYBE IT'S TIME TO TRY** SOME "**ENCOURAGEMENT**".
4. "**ENCOURAGEMENT**" MEANS "**TO GIVE COURAGE TO**".
 - a. IT **OFTEN TAKES "COURAGE" TO DO THE RIGHT THING**... FOR:
 - 1) **ADULTS**
 - 2) **TEENS**
 - 3) **CHILDREN**
5. **IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE STRUGGLING** IN A PARTICULAR AREA, **MAYBE THEY NEED COURAGE TO DO THE RIGHT THING.**

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- a. ... AND "MOTHERS" AND "FATHERS" ARE IN THE VERY BEST POSITION TO EFFECTIVELY GIVE COURAGE TO THEIR CHILDREN!
 6. AS THE OLD ADAGE GOES... "TRY IT, YOU'LL LIKE IT!"
2. ENCOURAGING WORDS
- A. ENCOURAGEMENT GROWS CONFIDENCE.
 1. "ENCOURAGE" MEANS TO GIVE COURAGE TO.
 - B. ENCOURAGEMENT HELPS OTHERS SUCCEED.
 - C. ENCOURAGING WORDS HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES.
3. ENCOURAGEMENT IS BEST MODELED
- A. AT HOME
 1. SPOUSE
 2. CHILDREN
 - B. AT CHURCH
 1. CHILDRENS WORKERS
 - a. HOW?
 2. DEACONS
 - a. HOW?
 3. SERVERS
 - a. HOW?
 4. MUSICIANS
 - a. HOW?
 - C. AT WORK
 1. WHO CAN YOU ENCOURAGE?

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2. **HOW** CAN YOU ENCOURAGE THEM?
4. ENCOURAGEMENT **GIVES HOPE**
 - A. **HOPE** = AN **OPTIMISTIC STATE OF MIND** THAT IS BASED ON AN **EXPECTATION OF POSITIVE OUTCOMES** REGARDING THE **EVENTS** AND THE **CIRCUMSTANCES** OF OUR LIVES.
 - B. YES vs NO
5. ENCOURAGEMENT IS **INTENTIONAL!**
 - A. **HOW** WILL YOU BE **INTENTIONALLY ENCOURAGING** THIS WEEK...
BEGINNING TODAY?
6. **THE BOTTOM LINE: IF YOU WANT YOUR CHILDREN TO BE SUCCESSFUL...
ENCOURAGE THEM IN THE LITTLE THINGS SO THEY CAN BECOME GREAT AT
BIG THINGS!**

THIS WEEK I WILL INTENTIONALLY ENCOURAGE MY CHILD BY: