



Family Dragons ^{part 4}

Overcoming Anger-laden Parenting



1. Recognize _____

2. Correct _____

3. Treat _____

Colossians 3:18-21

¹⁸ *Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.*

¹⁹ *Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.*

²⁰ *Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.*

²¹ **Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.** (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. If you are a dad, how would you describe your involvement in the training and discipline of your children? How would your wife describe it?
2. Parents, if all your parenting was videotaped last week and replayed for your review, how *consistent* do you think you would find yourself to be in providing parameters for your children and enforcing them? In what areas are you the most inconsistent?

Read Proverbs 6:23 and Proverbs 19:18. Why is lazy parenting such a serious matter in light of these verses?

3. Read Hebrews 12:5-11. Why does the presence of anger while correcting our children reveal that we have missed the point of biblical discipline?
4. At what points do you think unbiblical parenting has encouraged your children to believe that they can disregard the rules (yours or God's) without any consequences for their behavior?

At what points do you think unbiblical parenting has disheartened your children or caused your children to feel like "giving up" on doing what is right?

5. Write out a prayer that reflects your commitment to nurture and develop your children's hearts with biblical training and correction.

Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday
Is.23-24 & 1 Cor.11

Monday
Is.25-26 & 1 Cor.12

Tuesday
Is.27-28 & 1 Cor.13

Wednesday
Is.29-30 & 1 Cor.14

Thursday
Is.31-32 & 1 Cor.15

Friday
Is.33-34 & 1 Cor.16

Saturday
Is.35-36 & 2 Cor.1

Here are some books that may prove helpful in your further study of biblical forms of parental correction.

Adams, Jay. **Christian Living in the Home**. Phillipsburg, NJ: P & R Publishing, 1989.

_____. **The Biblical View of Self-Esteem, Self-Love & Self Image**. Eugene, OR: Harvest House, 1986. (While this book is not specifically about parenting, an understanding of this topic is essential amid the morass of parenting tips, trends and philosophies that are erroneously based on the idea of bolstering a child's self-esteem.)

Dobson, James. **The New Dare to Discipline**. Wheaton: Tyndale House, 1992 (Use discernment while reading this work. It is useful for understanding parental correction, but at points it fails to analyze children from a biblical perspective.)

Gangel, Kenn and Betty Gangel. **Your Family: Biblical Solutions for Raising Children**. Gresham, OR: Vision House Publishing, 1995.

Mack, Wayne. **Your Family, God's Way**. Phillipsburg, NJ: P & R Publishing, 1991.

Priolo, Lou. **Teach Them Diligently**. Woodruff, SC: Timeless Texts, 2000.

Ray, Bruce. **Withhold Not Correction**. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1978.

Tripp, Tedd. **Shepherding a Child's Heart**. Wapwallopen, PA: Shepherd Press, 1995.