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WHY GOOD MEN COMPROMISE

By

Dr. Dayton Hobbs

Hebrews 2:1 – *Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.* The idea here is not that they slip away from us but that we drift away from them. The NAS says it this way: *...lest we drift away from it,* the "it" being "the word spoken" (v.2). This drift away from truth, that is, the very Word of God, is the essence of compromise. Just a bump on the gun scope can throw the barrel a little off-target resulting in a wide miss and no game!

Blind Spots

Good men often have blind spots in certain areas. This is something concerning which we must all be careful, as none of us are immune to the problem. Some areas of blindness may be regarding friendships, tolerating evil, trimming to seek love, giving "soul-winners" the benefit of the doubt, fellowships, or kinships, and I am sure there are many others. These all probably fall in the category of trimming our ways to seek love. *Why trimmest thou thy way to seek love? Therefore hast thou also taught the wicked ones thy ways (Jer. 2:33).* Jehoshaphat obviously had a problem in this area as it was a recurring enigma. Jehoshaphat was one of

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Training Children to be Ministry-Minded

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The number of young people choosing a life of service in Christian ministry appears to be on the decline. Christian college leaders tell us the great majority are choosing secular careers. Fundamental church leaders and parents who desire God's best for their youth, and who recognize the blessing and eternal benefit in a life of ministry, have a great desire to train up children to be ministry minded.

As a pastor, and father of four grown daughters serving in full time Christian ministry, I have been asked to speak to this subject of training up children to be ministry minded. I have often pondered the question of how I came to my own convictions and ministry mind set. As I think back over those early years of our girls' lives, I can only respond that it is by the grace of God.

There are, however, basic Bible principles given to us for our instruction that, when violated, can have a devastating effect on our children's inclinations toward Christian ministry. Yet, when followed, God uses them to produce the fruit He has designed in the believer's life.

Let us center our thoughts on three biblical principles found in Romans 12:1-2, a very familiar and important passage on the Christian life.

Present Them To Christ

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1).

Believers are here admonished to place themselves at the Lord's complete disposal. We can also present our children to Him, placing them in His care with no strings attached. Hannah is a prime example of the attitude God desires parents to have about their children's future. She made a commitment to give her child unto the Lord all the days of his life (I Samuel 1:11).

Give your children to the Lord. They are not yours to keep. We cannot hold a claim on them. Instead, God desires us to present them to Him as a living sacrifice. If we expect them, in time, to present their bodies as a living sacrifice to the Lord, we should be living and

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EDITOR'S DESK

DECISIONS, DECISIONS, DECISIONS!

By Dayton Hobbs

I'm talking about the decisions that parents of Christian young folks have to make concerning the post-high school education direction that the Lord would have their child take. This would include the possibility of vocational studies, which I, for one, believe is the proper choice for a young person so inclined. We have some wonderful examples on our staff of the obvious leading of the Lord in that direction, for which we are most grateful.

The Strong Local Church

Next to the Christian home, the strong local church is the most important Christian influence upon the lives of our Christian youth. I, as a local church pastor, make no effort to tell Christian parents what their child should do about post-high school training. I lay out the different possibilities available, their strengths and their weaknesses, and leave it for them and the Lord to decide what their child should do. One of those choices might be, when there is a strong local church involved, such as our Grace Bible Church, for the child to attend the local junior college for a year or two, staying under the influence of their parents and the local church while they have time to mature. A child may be far better off in such a situation where they know from the start that the state junior college is ungodly, than to be in a supposed Christian college, which is not what it professes to be. I would not want an immature Christian young person exposed to all that hypocrisy. The strong local church along with the continued influence of Godly parents will do more

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communicating this to them as they mature.

Though many would say "amen" to the need of "presenting" them to the Lord, few are expressing it in their attitudes and every day training. We must evaluate our own heart's attitude. Some really have little desire for their children to do whatever the Lord has for them or to go anywhere the Lord would lead. Wanting their children and grandchildren nearby, parents often hinder choices their youth would make for the Lord.

We must desire God's Goals for them. Often Christian parents, as well as church leaders, instill man's goals into their youth. Desiring popularity for them, they encourage activities that will make them a hero before others. Desiring wealth and financial security they encourage high paying vocations without thought to God's prior claim. Desiring them to have prestige, they encourage self-exalting positions.

God's goals are so much different. He desires their complete love and service. He wants them, in humility, to love Him with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. Loving Him is to be preeminent. Serving Him is the natural result.

It was encouraging to hear the response of one of our girls when asked: "What influences of the home contributed to your being in service for the Lord today?" The reply was: "I never really considered anything other than being in the Lord's work...It was a philosophy of how we were raised...It was all I ever desired."

We must pray for the Lord's leading in their lives. We have been given the opportunity of interceding before the throne of grace on their behalf. As we desire His will for our youth, we then pray, seeking that will to be accomplished.

Protect Them From The World

"And be not conformed to this world..." (Romans 12: 2a)

Our youth are constantly being influenced by the ways of the world. As Satan makes his bid for their lives, they need protection from the pressures to conform to the world's pattern.

The first place of protection should be the home. God desires the home to be a sanctuary of godliness. Though our society has tried to make censure a bad word, it is a necessity for their personal security. A major protection in our home was the absence of TV and its Hollywood influence. The ungodly philosophies of Hollywood

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FOCUS ON RELIGION

No Time For Hard Voices

By
Tod Brainard

There continues to be a school of thought today that has a problem with confronting lost sinners. Confrontation is considered to be hard and coarse. A gospel tract ministry director wrote recently, *"In our present ecclesiastical circles we often hear the hard voice of the exhorter, but the world waits for the tender voice of the believer who has gazed with inward eye upon our wondrous God! Exhorters major on the minor, while true believers, like Paul, are 'determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified'."*¹

This may sound appealing and in line with common religious thought today; however it is my opinion that this observation demeans the very heart of Biblical witnessing and Gospel preaching. It is an effort to remove the personal cost of our witness for Christ.

Nothing is more certain than the total depravity of the human race. Christ was crucified because of my depravity and the depravity of the whole world. *How many people in this world really believe that they are lost, Hell-bound sinners and as such are enemy combatants of a Thrice-Holy God?* Anyone that deals with a lost soul must address this issue of personal sinfulness and depravity in clear terms whether it be pulpit or personal evangelism. This is part of the cost of Biblical evangelism.

Exhortation and Evangelism

Thayer translates *parakaleo*, the Greek word for *exhort*, as "... a

stirring address - instructive, admonitory...powerful hortatory discourse".² Noah Webster explains that this word *exhort* means **"to warn; to caution; to incite or stimulate to exertion"**.³

The Apostle Paul writes in II Tim. 4:2-5 *"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables, But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."* In Titus 2:11-15 we read *"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee."*

It is clear in both passages that the ministry of presenting the gospel (i.e. the work of an evangelist) **clearly involves, not excludes** the work of exhortation and rebuke with all authority.

"He was despised and rejected of men" (Isaiah 53:3).

Contrary to common teaching, we live in the age of Christ's rejection, not His acceptance. This is most difficult for many to accept, but it is the obvious teaching of the Word of God. Dr. J. B. Williams writes *"There are three important major categories of rejection revealed in the Bible. The rejection of the living Word - Jesus Christ; the rejection of the Written Word; and the rejection of the believer by Society - World."*⁴

The unregenerate world hates Christ today as when He was on the earth. Here are several Scriptures that give us an overview of this teaching:

Luke 20:17 *"And he beheld them, and said, What is this then that is written, The stone which the builders(mankind) rejected, the same is become the head of the corner?"*

John 6:44 *"No man can come unto me (Christ) except the Father which hath sent me draw him."*

John 16:8, 9 *"And when he is come, he will reprove the world (mankind) of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me."*

John 17:14 *"I have given them thy word; and the world (mankind) hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world."*

Acts 9:29 *"And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him."*

I John 3:1 *"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world (mankind) knoweth us not, because it knew him not."*

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the really good kings of Judah. There was revival and great victory over Judah's enemies during his reign, and except for this one area of weakness he would be hailed as an even greater king. His blind spot was Ahab and the northern kingdom. He refused to recognize the wickedness of Ahab and withdraw fellowship with him. After Jehoshaphat was rebuked by the Prophet Jehu, having barely escaped in an unadvised battle in which Ahab was killed, Jehoshaphat fell into the same compromise situation again. Jehu had said to Jehoshaphat, "Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? (II Chron. 19:2). A short time later Jehoshaphat joined himself "with Ahaziah, king of Israel, who did very wickedly: And he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish" (II Chron. 20:35,36). This effort at compromise did not succeed, as the ships were broken and unable to go to Tarshish.

A Little Here And A Little There

Just as the sluggard of Proverbs 6 had no idea of losing all he had and ending up in poverty by a little nap here and a little nap there, so the compromiser looks upon his corner cutting as a means to greater good, just as the sluggard justified his napping as a healthy thing, and so it might have been if rest was called for on an occasional basis.

How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? When wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man (Prov. 6:9-11).

The compromiser, like the sluggard, develops a pattern of life that constantly puts him in the pathway of ruin, as both the sluggard and the compromiser end up bankrupt, the one materially and the other spiritually.

How Compromise Works

Generally one or more of several pressures presents itself to the one who professes himself to be a true Fundamentalist:

- (1) A desire to have a larger ministry; to keep abreast of those within his circle of acquaintances.
- (2) A growing belief that his circle of friends and influence is too narrow. There are more men out there with whom he could and should have fellowship.
- (3) An enlarging conviction that the standards that he holds to, usually gained from some other men, school, or fellowship, are, in fact, too strict and tend to limit his ministry.
- (4) A seemingly plausible belief that he tends to be too old-fashioned in areas such as music, and with a more contemporary sound many more young people could be won to the Lord.

These are some of the siren sounds of today's compromise. All of us have probably felt the pressure of these calls, but I am afraid that more and more of otherwise good men are falling for these temptations.

Flying The Beam

Flying was much different in the forties when I was in the Army Air Corps. Instead of all the hi-tech navigational gear that is in use today, we flew the "beam." The "beam" consisted of the joining together of two letters of the Morse Code. The letter "A" is ". - " or

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



I rarely write in response to a newsletter article, but I was prompted to write to you. Your lead article, "Unbiblical Evangelism," in the Spring, 2003, edition of *The Projector*, was excellent - bold and Biblical. You noted in the article that you may "get some heat" for your comments - a sad probability from zealous but misguided Christians (Rm. 10:2) - but I trust you will also receive some encouragement.

Here in the "Bible Belt" (a misnomer) of southwest Missouri, we basically have 4 kinds of churches: (1) apostate churches abound; (2) the charismatic-apostate-confused churches are abundant; (3) the "seeker-sensitive," "just-go-along-to-get-along," wishy-washy churches are becoming the majority; (4) and those to which you refer - the "hyper-Baptist," "just-pressure-'em-to-pray-a-prayer-and-dunk-'em," with "Baptist" being all that matters churches also dot the area as the self-proclaimed "only fundamentalists." Our little Bible church seems to stand alone here with an approach to ministry exactly as you described in your article for the very reasons you noted - a ministry philosophy which garners criticism but which produces genuine, fruitful Christians (Jn. 15:1-8). I often refer to the passage you cited - Mt. 7:21-23 - as some of the most fearsome verses in the Bible.

Thank you for the encouragement in print - not much of it exists around this area.

The article by Dr. Bob Jones was also excellent. His quote of Dr. Torrey's opinion that very few are genuine Christians is a sad reality that reminds us again of our Lord's warning.
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Proverb Practical

MY SON

By Ludwig Opager



Proverbs 1:8 - "My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother."

God uses the words, "My son," 23 times in the Book of Proverbs. By this, God stresses that instruction to the son is to be personal and not left solely to others. Too often fathers delegate to others the instruction of their children in lieu of personal involvement.

Active or Reactive Training

Some parents depend on the daycare, the Sunday School, the church, the Christian school and television to teach their children. They rely heavily upon institutional instruction, and in so doing, they neglect the personal instruction of their children. As though they were on instructional welfare, they cease being actively involved in personal instruction. They adopt the "Let someone else do it" attitude and become *reactive* teachers instead of *active* teachers. Instead of *leading* their children, they follow them and then correct them after they fail to meet the parent's unstated or untaught standards. Training up a child in the way he should go involves the active narrowing of a child, but by neglect, some instead allow the child to broaden and afterward by reactive correction they try to narrow him. Instead of being the leader for their children, they are simply a prodder or provoker. Is it not more productive and stable for a child to follow a steady leader than to try to comprehend which

way a prodder from behind wants him to go?

Prisons are full of examples of children who have been left to themselves until society could no longer bear them. Their parents, who have betrayed them, only entered into instruction in hopes of some peace and quiet in the home. The Scriptures know nothing of this kind of hit or miss reactive training. A scriptural father is a teaching father, who teaches his son discernment and judgment not only to avoid the pitfalls of youth, but also to become a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. The importance of any instruction can only be communicated by the father's direct participation in the instruction. A child even wants his father's blessing on the instruction given him by others. A child comes to know what is important to the father or mother not by default but by personal instruction. Our fast-paced culture is an enemy of this participation.

Leave It To Others

Like ready-made frozen dinners, why not just delegate this task to others, while we relax and simply try to have pleasure with our children. The answer to this "why" for the Christian comes from God's Book, which provides answers to all the questions of life.

It is paramount that the father

and mother participate directly in the training of the child. Biblical training demands that the father have a vision for the direction of the child. It often seems that carmakers take more care in building a new car than Christians take in building a child. Many times we yield the right and responsibility to train our children to others, who couldn't care less about what our children become! Do television producers care about what your child becomes? No, and no automobile maker would dare allow a novice or just anyone to install random automobile components not fitted for their vision of the finished product.

What About You?

Do you have a vision for your child? What do you picture your God-given little baby being in twenty or thirty years? If you want that picture to become reality, there must be a taking of the child aside and acting upon the child, not only reacting but actively training. As a Christian, that active training demands imparting the Word of God by word and by deed. It demands teaching the fear of the Lord, reading the Scriptures to the child and expounding the sense of the Word. It involves having serious, principled conversations at the dining table and establishing instruction in the Word of God as a normal part in

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I John 4:5 *"They are of the world; therefore speak they of the world, and the world (mankind) heareth them". Mankind will receive the message of the false teacher over the message of the gospel.*

I John 5:19 *"And we know that we are of God and the whole world (body of mankind) lieth in wickedness."*

Romans 3:10-11 *"As it is written, There is none(mankind) righteous, no, not one: There is none (mankind) that understandeth, there is none (mankind) that seeketh after God."*

Revelation 16:10-11 *"They gnawed their tongues for pain (right here on the earth) and blasphemed the God of heaven, because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds."*

From the Word of God we learn that the world identified as mankind is not waiting *"for the tender voice of the believer who has gazed with inward eye upon our wondrous God"*. Rather it is actively and aggressively hating Christ and the Word of God. The world's view of

the Gospel is primarily adversarial.

A Revisionist Compassion

How did our Lord deal with the lost of His generation? Most answer by immediately stating, *"He dealt with them with compassion!"* My response is an emphatic, "YES". The problem is we define **"compassion"** in 21st Century contexts rather than Scriptural contexts. Compassion is not limited to only tender feelings and sensations of affection. It costs something.

Permit an illustration. Coming home late from work recently I came upon a terrible scene in the middle of the road just a little stretch from home. A beautiful Gelding had run from a grazing area through an open gate into busy traffic. The horse collided with a truck and completely shattered its front right leg from the shoulder to the hoof. The horse was writhing in pain. All who witnessed this horrible scene were moved with compassion. Tears were shed for the horse. Compassion dictated the killing of the horse. My point is this, compassion is more than an emotional feeling of tenderness and

softness. **Compassion is needful and appropriate action at a moment in time to bring about a change in condition.** Our Lord, when confronting the spiritual need of the woman at the well (John 4:5-42), did not try make her feel good about her sinful condition and then win her with convincing rationales and tender coaxes. The Lord exhorted her and exposed her sin bringing her to a state of repentance and faith.

In a day when society and religion desires that we keep our beliefs to ourselves, we must not allow ourselves to be emasculated by their whims. We must pay the price and faithfully "exhort" lost sinners to repent of their sins and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Anything less is mere proselyting.

¹ C. J. Saliers, *WHAT IF?*, Bible Tract Bulletin, Volume 44 Number 1, Spring 2003.

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³ Noah Webster, *"Exhort"*, Webster's Dictionary, New York: Iverson Associates, 1967.

⁴ Dr. James B. Williams, sermon notes presented to me on the word *"rejected"* in the Scriptures. Ω



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Stars of the Morning

Summer Report

by "Aunt Carolyn"



★ “Well, Miss Priss,
★ if I had known you were going to act like this, I never
★ would have invited you to come spend the summer with
★ us.”

★ Jan didn't answer aloud but under her breath she
★ muttered, "And if had known the summer was going to
★ turn out this way, believe me, I never would have
★ come!"

★ Summer at Grandma's was supposed to be so much
★ fun. With friends made during other summers, Jan
★ would play, swing, go to the beach, swim, ride the roller
★ coaster and flume, maybe ride horses at the stable, and
★ now that she was twelve years old Grammie might even
★ teach her how to make dumplings and pie crust. What
★ a summer she would have to write about when school
★ opened and the teacher required that ever famous
★ annual assignment, "What I Did This Summer." But now
★ she couldn't do any of that fun stuff, she wouldn't have
★ a good summer, and she surely couldn't write a good
★ report on what she did this summer!

★ What she *did* this summer was *broke her leg*! The very
★ first week at Gram's, she fell down the porch steps
★ some dumb way, and now she was laid up in a cast from
★ her ankle to her hip! What could a person do in a fix
★ like that? Nothing! Absolutely nothing! Oh, sure, she
★ could get around on her crutches, but she got tired of
★ Gram reminding her of different things she could do,
★ fun she could have, and ways she could be of help. Jan
★ was mad! She was sulking. She was pouting, and she
★ didn't want to "do" anything, "have" any fun, or "help"
★ anybody in any way! She just sat in the big chair by the
★ window with her leg propped up.

Her friend, Sally, came by one day trying to stir up a game of Chinese Checkers, and Gram suggested they make some yummy, homemade fudge in between games. Jan wanted nothing to do with it. "You play checkers if you want to. You make fudge if you want to, but leave me out of it!" Jan only continued to stare out the window.

★ When it was mealtime, Gram refused to bring her a
★ tray but insisted she come to the table. Each day
★ brought some improvement in “hobbling,” but that cast
★ was like an awkward, iron weight too cumbersome to
★ drag along. Jan went to the park at Gram’s insistence,
★ but she only sat on a bench and watched the ducks and
★ thought how lucky they were they could swim. She
★ wished she could swim. Gram drove her to Sally’s
★ house one afternoon, but she only sat on the porch and
★ watched her friends swing. She wished she could

swing. Sure, as Gram said, she could read, embroider, help cook or bake, or write a card to a sick friend. There were lots of things she could do, but not Jan. She was crippled. She was on crutches. She was having a bad summer, and that was it!

It was no wonder Gram said, "If I had known you were going to act like this, I would never have invited you for the summer. You know this grumpy, selfish mood does not please the Lord. The Apostle Paul said, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content" (Phil 4:11). I'm sure you aren't showing any contentment in your present state. One broken leg is not the end of life! You had better snap out of this attitude before something worse happens to you!"

“Huh! Worse!” Jan thought. Nothing *worse* could possibly happen to her. Nobody could have had a *worse* accident than she. Nobody could be having a *worse* summer than she. Life was horrible, and she surely didn’t want any more of Gram’s “encouragement” or “lectures”! If, indeed, she did have to write a report about her summer, she knew the title would be, “The **WORST** Summer of My Life!”

Days and weeks passed. Doctor's appointments did not help. Assurances that the cast would come off in a few weeks brought no cheer. Jan was down in the dumps and seemed determined to make the most of her depression!

Gram was always going on her “missions of mercy” to visit sick folks, old folks, and others who needed a “lift.” She always took flowers from her garden or something warm from her oven, and always love and care from her heart to cheer the shut-ins. Other summers Jan was delighted to go along, but this summer was a bust. “Let the old folks get along for themselves,” Jan thought. This afternoon though, Gram insisted that Jan go along and help deliver her fresh chocolate chip cookies to the children’s hospital. “You’ve been stuck in the house all day. It’s time to get out a little while,” Gram insisted. So Jan went along, however resentfully.

Jan slowly, laboriously, hobbled and "crutched" up the hospital steps. Once inside, she was glad there was an elevator up to the children's ward. As they stepped out of the elevator, the nurses took a double look at Jan to be sure she was not a patient, then warmly welcomed her and Gram. "The children will be glad to see you, Mrs. Smith. You always bring sunshine!"

"Sunshine, my foot!" Jan thought. "It's Gram's!"

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undermine every Christian value we want to instill in our children. Today, with video, and other kinds of electronic reproductions coming onto our bookshelves, some Christian families baby-sit their children with a diet of "conservative" Hollywood. Subtly, their minds are filled with worldly philosophy. Also, books, like best friends, have a great effect on their thinking. Do we consider the unreal and worldly examples of life that are often presented, even by the Christian novels?

The next place of protection should be the church. It is much more important for our youth to be involved in a church that is separated unto God than one that provides all the "activities." Putting our youth under the tutelage of the disobedient brethren of new evangelical churches is to throw away the protection of God's original design for the church. Many parents have lost their youth to the world by taking them where they are given a diet of worldly, contemporary Christian music, and youth groups that focus on bigger and more exciting activities. This only strengthens their "me" attitude and does not produce a ministry mind set. A separated, fundamental, Bible teaching church, should provide a wall of protection, and be more concerned with instruction in pleasing God than in following the world in philosophy and entertainment.

Third, wise parents will stay in tune with the teaching and activities of their child's schooling. Some of our youth are being destroyed by public school influence and philosophy. Christian schools that are filled with secular philosophies are not much better than their public counterpart. Some parents turn to home schooling and find that they, too, have to be

careful of materials, organizations, and fellowships that are filled with compromise and unbiblical philosophy. Constant diligence is necessary to guard the foundation of education that our youth will draw upon to make their life decisions. It is here, many Christian disciplines of life are either established or never properly developed.

Fourth, our youth need protection against peer pressure. It is easy for their friends to become the primary influence in forming their philosophy and goals of life. God has given this place to the parent and church. We must guard against their spending time with those of worldly thinking and bad attitudes.

Fifth, children need protection from themselves. Scripture tells us "foolishness is bound in the heart of a child;" and that, "a child left to himself, bringeth his mother shame" (Proverbs 22:15; 29:15). Though the child thinks he can make his own decisions, he lacks the necessary maturity. The Lord gave the command for children to obey, placing the authority with their parents through the important decision making years.

We know our children may not appreciate it at the time, but will later realize the importance of the protection. Recently, one of our girls made a point to express appreciation for her not being allowed to go her own way. With tears in her eyes she said that her decisions at that time would have led to an entirely different life today. We must be willing to be unpopular with our children as we put up the walls of protection for them, trusting God for the results.

Prepare Heart and Life for Service

"...but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye

may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:2b).

The Christian's mind needs to be changed from its own carnal thinking. A child's way of thinking is constantly being influenced by the world. In order to prepare our youth for service, their minds must be transformed to God's pure ways of thinking, through knowledge of the Word of God. We are told of Timothy's godly mother and grandmother who left the legacy of knowing the holy Scriptures from childhood (II Timothy 3:15). Let us take every opportunity to give full knowledge of God's Word. Parents should frequently read Deuteronomy 6:6-9 and be reminded of God's recipe for successful Bible instruction.

Secondly, Scriptural knowledge must be coupled with a genuine response from the heart. Children are sometimes well indoctrinated with truth and yet not inwardly submitted. We must not assume, because they know the Gospel, they are converted. As we are told to examine ourselves to see if we be in the faith (II Cor. 13:5), we need to help our children do the same.

The Lord has instructed us to keep our heart with all diligence (Proverbs 4:23). Envy, jealousy, hatred, selfishness, rebellion and other wickedness can be held in the child's heart. Parents who learn to identify and discipline bad attitude, as well as bad behavior, will find reward in the end.

Third, put God first. The transformed mind will love God completely. We are to love God with all our heart, all our soul, and all our mind (Matthew 22:37). This is our goal in teaching children and should be demonstrated by our own actions.

One visible demonstration is

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*Teaching Tips**by Doris Peppard*

DEALING WITH ATTITUDES

Noah Webster defined *attitude* in his 1828 Dictionary as "Posture, position of things or person; as, *in times of trouble let the prince of a nation preserve a firm attitude.*" God's Word says of man, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Prov. 23:7). Students in our classes display distinct character traits and attitudes toward situations as they develop during the day. Part of the teacher's work is to diligently teach, motivate, encourage, inspire, and also correct his pupils. Since our students' attitudes can change from one moment to the next, the teacher must constantly be aware of the attitudes his students exhibit. Teachers also have the responsibility to display proper attitudes while teaching and dealing with their students. There are many attitudes that need to be encouraged and promoted, while a few attitudes, especially those that are detrimental to the cause of Christian education, must be addressed. It is God's will that children learn to be submissive and flexible in God's hands. Dealing with *attitude* is difficult and requires the teacher to seek God's leading in each student's life, as well as seeking God's leading in dealing with each student. Although some parents may not wish to admit it, they really do understand that the teacher is dealing with the same attitudes that the parents see at home. When teacher and parents work together for the child's benefit, bad, negative attitudes are easier to control, and right, positive attitudes are easier to build.

Attitude Toward Work

Children must develop a good attitude toward work. A lazy approach to work will follow a person throughout his life. Work and responsibility are good things for young people. "It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth" (Lam. 3:27). A positive work ethic must be cultivated in all children. Those who struggle in school often learn a better work ethic than those who are academically gifted. Students, who are allowed to "coast" because learning comes easy to them, must learn at some point to give their best effort. When difficulties come, and they surely will, children who have been taught to plow through hard tasks will have a much better outcome.

Attitude Toward Listening

Students should also be taught to develop a "listening ear." Selective hearing is an attitude that a teacher should never tolerate. Unless there is a proven medical problem, students must be taught to listen and comprehend assignments and instructions. The Book of Proverbs often states the importance of the ear and listening. "The ear of the wise seeketh knowledge" (Prov. 18:15). When a child is not paying attention, he is in reality displaying an attitude that says that neither the teacher nor his instruction is important to the child. He is revealing that he feels he is above the teacher's "mere" expertise and wisdom. Yet God's Word does not allow such a proud mind-set. "My son, attend unto my wisdom, and *bow* thine ear to my understanding" (Prov. 5:1). "*Bow down* thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge" (Prov. 22:17). God is looking for humility. "A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise" (Ps. 51:18). Exhibiting boredom is another way students flaunt this bad attitude. Displaying boredom is another expression of a haughty attitude. It is something of which to be ashamed and certainly not a good attitude.

Attitude Toward Failure

Attitudes are really revealed when a child "fails" at something. Children must be taught how to handle

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to help the student think straight than the average Christian college. I think the Lord established the local church for the direction of His ministry on the earth in this dispensation.

Our Corrupt Age

It is my primary concern as a local pastor responsible for young folks that we do not lose any of our youth to the many unbiblical ideologies of this corrupt age. I am certainly aware that we cannot continue to always shield our youth, but I'd like to protect mine until they can gain a little more maturity than that with which they generally come out of high school today.

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the sound "dit dah." The letter "N" is "- ." or "dah dit." When these two letters were put together they meshed, and you heard a steady "dahhh" on your headset, which constituted the "beam." As long as you received a steady "dahhh," you knew you were on the "beam" and on course. If you began to pick up the "A" or ". -", you corrected to your left, and likewise if you began to receive an "N" or "- .", you corrected to your right. This kept you on the "beam" and in good shape to reach your desired destination. One degree off your heading or the "beam" would put you many miles off-course in a short time and, uncorrected, could lead to disaster.

Neglecting the Code

Good men often refuse to heed the solid signal of the beam, which is faithful adherence to the Word of God. As

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honor of the Lord's Day. One of our girls spoke of the impact it had upon her. "School work, though always stressed that it must be done, was not to be done on the Lord's Day." Then speaking of the Lord's provision said, "Though we couldn't work on Sunday or Wednesday night, the Lord provided jobs. Our college was paid for, even though Dad didn't have the money to contribute to our education." Another said, "We never ever missed a church service." Then recounting an occasion, even while traveling, that Dad still made sure they were in church services said: "I remember thinking, God is as important to Dad as he says He is. This had a great impact on my life."

Another biblical way of helping the child put God first is instructing them to tithe. It was interesting to hear one daughter recount: "Before any of our earnings were used, a tithe was always taken out for the Lord... We were taught that everything we have belongs to the Lord." She then noted how this had helped her in keeping the Lord first.

Fourth, be consistent. A great influence on the young heart is consistency. We must be the same in the home and in private as we are in

church and public. Many youth are turned from the truth because those instructing them do not have a life that backs their words. Hypocrisy is a stumbling block that has turned many hearts from ministry. This consistency needs to flow over into our attitudes as well. Keeping our hearts right and guarding against a critical spirit doesn't go unnoticed by our youth. A critical spirit, especially toward those in ministry, will not produce ministry minded children.

When church problems do arise the children do not need all the details. They should only be aware of matters that involve them and then be instructed in the biblical responses to these problems. This will help prepare them for other issues later in life.

Fifth, personally involve them in as much of the ministry as possible. This has a great effect on a young person's later choices for service. Whereas many church youth ministries are entertainment driven, we must turn from that to ministry involvement. As they become involved in various aspects of ministry they begin to experience the joy of service and understand the privilege it is to have a part in the Lord's work.

Our girls said: "We felt very much a part of the ministry...we passed out church flyers and gospel tracts door to door...we folded bulletins...we greeted visitors...we participated in special music...we prayed for each of the people." With this kind of involvement, when the answers to prayer came and God's work in lives became evident, they rejoiced in the privilege they had in being a part.

Another part of this involvement is exposure to godly Christian servants. Who are your children's heroes? If you were to allow them to have a picture poster of someone on their bedroom wall, whom would they choose? More importantly, who is on the poster of their mind?

Our girls came in contact with many famous people. They were not music, sports or movie stars. They were pastors, missionaries, and lay people who loved and served God. We spoke of them with high esteem. Our children still look to them as their heroes.

Have your children at every missionary service of your church. Then, let them see and hear these servants on a personal level by opening your home to them. Take

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failure, pick up the pieces, correct, rectify, improve, and move forward. Penmanship, compositions, reports, and testing, as well as sports and interacting with other students provide children with opportunities to correct or modify their attitudes. Teachers should use these opportunities to teach any time they present themselves. Turning 16, 18, or 21 is not a

magic age to make a student suddenly become mature and dependable. This quality of character is developed step by step, day by day throughout his childhood and youth to help him become a settled, prepared servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. Self-discipline begins when a child's attitudes are yielded to God's control, and teachers play a critical role in this development. Ω

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the child's life.

God's Guarantee

What results did Solomon promise in the early verses of Proverbs, this wonderful child-training book? The positive results of these teachings will be to know wisdom, instruction, understanding, justice, judgment, equity, subtlety, discretion, a hearing ear, increasing learning, and understanding proverbs. What a resource God had given us, but with that resource goes the responsibility of following it!

Who Is Responsible?

In today's world, where can a child get the right kind of instruction? Can you as a father or mother completely entrust that teaching to others? I don't believe even the Christian school or the church can have a vision for your individual child.

The direction is up to the father. He must train up the child! God will hold him accountable, not the Christian School or the church, which are simply helpers. He must impart early the foundational truth that the knowledge of God can be given only to those who fear God. Father, as a God fearing man, by personal knowledge of the Scripture and seeking

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they deviate in some area of compromise, the warning of a broken "beam" goes out, but they refuse to hear and correct their course direction back to Scripture, and spiritual ruin is the inevitable result.

Attitudes of Fundamentalists

When Fundamentalists change, it always seems to be toward a weaker position. The trend seems to be always down, never up. I was informed on one occasion many years ago, that a particularly well known Neo-Evangelical was assuring Fundamentalists that he was going to change and become a Fundamentalist. I informed the one who told me that, that this would be the first one I had ever known of that changed from the Neo-Evangelical position to a Fundamentalist position. Some twenty-five years or so have now passed, and the person to whom I refer is still in the Neo-Camp, and less a Fundamentalist than ever. An unsaved Neo-Evangelical might become a Fundamentalist by the new birth experience, but so may any other unsaved person.

1. Fundamentalists must have what is called in boxing the "killer instinct." You can't let up on your attack until the enemy is thoroughly defeated. Phinehas of the Scriptures possessed this trait. His action brought to a close the terrible plague that Israel's sin had caused. Phinehas' love for God and his obedience to Moses, in my judgment, gave him this "killer instinct." God greatly approved his action and gave Phinehas His "covenant of peace," "...the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was jealous for his God..." (Num. 25:7-13).

2. Fundamentalists must be unaffected by criticism. Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. used to tell us preacher boys, "You cannot move without producing friction." We need to be sure we have a good quality of enemy even if the quantity isn't that big.

3. Fundamentalists must take the Lord's side (the Bible position) on every issue. The Lord's side will always be the strong side.

4. Fundamentalists must not wet the finger and put it in the air to decide which way the wind is blowing before taking a side. Be sure you are right and move ahead.

5. Fundamentalists must stay out of relationships or friendships that bridle the tongue. My liberty in Christ is too precious to bow to another man, no matter who that man may be.

6. Fundamentalists' preaching must be pointed. When Jesus spoke the Scripture says, "They perceived that he spake of them" (Matt. 21:45). Again, Dr. Bob, Sr. reminded us to keep shooting down the rat hole till the rats run out. I'm afraid compromise or trimming has become our preaching style, as weak and anemic preaching has replaced our reproofing, rebuking, and exhorting, and our "Thus saith the Lord." Ω



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cookies they want!"

As they made their way down the hall from room to room Gram's cookies were a special treat, but Gram's smile and cheerful encouragement seemed to be catching. In the room of the boy who was completely paralyzed and couldn't even move his head, Gram's cheer brought a smile to his face. In Room 12 was a little girl whose legs were in casts and stretched up on tension devices fastened to her special bed. Her head was also in traction. ("Poor thing! Jan thought. "She must be miserable, even though she is holding a book up where she can read it while she lies there.") In another room a pretty young girl sat by the window softly humming a tune Jan recognized - "Every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before." Jan was shocked when the

girl turned toward her and Jan realized the child was blind! She couldn't even see out of the window where she was sitting! How could she be humming a joyful tune? The further they walked, the more rooms they visited, the lighter and less cumbersome Jan's cast seemed to become. Little by little her heart felt lighter and her outlook brighter. She decided her problem was not as bad as she thought. God had really been good to her to keep her fall from being worse than it was!

At home at last, Jan felt rather sheepish, but she sidled up to Gram and said softly, "Thanks, Gram, for letting me go with you today. I'm sorry I've been such a grouch and so unpleasant to everyone. I may be dragging a cast along, but I'm in good shape compared to some of those children we visited today, huh?"

"Yes, I think so. The Lord is so very good!" Gram answered with a smile and a hug. "Now suppose we see what we can rustle up for supper!"

Jan was a little slow setting the table with her drag-along leg, but she managed very well, thank you! She thought she was quite "content" with the "state she was in," and maybe tomorrow if she "behaved herself," Gram would have time to begin teaching her how to make dumplings, and maybe she would have something very good to write in her opening school report, "What I Did This Summer." She might even include the Apostle Paul's verse, "I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." On the other hand, she might have to say, "I am learning," instead of "I have learned."

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God's will for your child's life, you are to have the vision for training your child.

"My son, hear the instruction of thy father. My son, my instruction is designed to realize the vision God has given me for you! What I put into you is limiting, narrowing as an arrow, and aimed at success in bringing to reality my vision for you according to God's Word and will. My instruction is solely for your benefit, without hidden motives, that you may grow in the Lord and serve Him with all your heart!"

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your children to Bible conferences, such as our Ohio Bible Fellowship, where they are exposed to faithful ministers of the Word. Keep the Lord's work and His workers at the forefront.

Though the world would like to have first claim on the lives of our children we can raise them to have a heart to serve the Lord. Let us **present** them wholly to our God. Let us also **protect** them from conformity to the world by putting up walls that hinder its influence. Then, let us **prepare** them for service by pouring into them every Scriptural influence that is at our disposal.

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