

Filling in the Gaps – Lesson 16B 16 things we must teach our children

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We encourage you need to read and complete Lesson 16A to get a full understanding of this subject on what we must teach our children.

9. <u>There is No Just Excuse for Inappropriate Behavior</u>

Let us look closely at Genesis 3:12-13 you know what happened in the garden, right? God told them not to eat the fruit but they ate it. God then shows up verse 12, Genesis 3:12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. (This looks like Adam is blaming God while he blames the woman.) 13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. The man blamed God and the woman; the woman blamed the devil. The Lord said there are no acceptable excuses for improper behavior. We must teach our children to stop making excuses when they have done wrong. How many times have you heard your child say this "Well, I was tired ... " "I didn't feel good ... " Do you know what people do? They let their children break the rules; they let their children disobey. Then they want to go fight with the teacher or with the youth worker or get in the face of the pastor. They want to go on a march to protest the police... because their child has an excuse for having done what they should not have done. Parents have a tendency of believing their children before they have heard the whole story. In my years of working with inmates, I have asked them on numerous occasions "What do you think was the primary reason you ended up spending your life in jail?" Do you know what 100% of the answers were that they responded? "My parents let me do what I wanted to do, they never disciplined me."

Without discipline and always getting away with bad behavior do you know what is going to happen? That child is going to grow up one day and be thirty... thirty-five... forty years old... with a bad marriage and a bad life. They are going to go to church and the preacher is going to say here's what God said to do to get your life in order... *(Whining) "Well, you just don't understand my situation....*" Do you know what that is? That is a seven year old that fooled his parents with excuses to get out of being disciplined for bad behavior. You cannot correct them because in there twenty formative years, everything they did that was wrong was not corrected because they had an excuse.

Adam & Eve both had excuses; God threw them out of the garden. Do you know why? Because He said if you eat that fruit it is going to kill you. God did not change what He had said because they had an excuse.



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"Well, you know, all of the other kids were doing it..." and my parents would just tell me... So you are telling me if you are not strong enough or have enough character... to stand up to the influence of the other kids, "you are not going to spend time with all the other kids." Do you know what they were preparing me to do? Stand for God in a world that does not want anybody standing for God. Do right in a society that is urging you to do wrong. Do you know what you need to teach your children?

Stop making excuses and learn to do what is right.

10. Life Is Not Fair

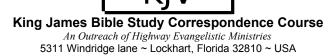
Ecclesiastes 10:7... *I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walking as servants upon the earth.* Do you know what that verse says to me? Life is not fair. There are a lot of things that do not turn out the way they are supposed to turn out. The prince is not supposed to walk while the servant rides the horse. That is upside down. We must teach our sons and daughters that life is not fair.

- ✓ You can be against everything in the Bible and end up President of the United States. That's not fair.
- ✓ You can live a dirty lowdown life and end up wealthy, happy and prosperous. That is not fair.
- ✓ You can surrender your life to go to the mission field to serve Jesus Christ and lose one of your children to some disease or tropical illness. That's not fair.

Guess what? *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:* (Romans 5:12) Until Jesus Christ gets back and takes over it is not going to be fair. Somebody else might get the scholarship, the promotion, or the soloist position. Somebody else might find a rare coin worth millions in their back yard.... Too bad it was not you. That is not fair. Both good and bad people get cancer that is just life. God does not give special preference to saved people verses lost people. (Colossians 3:25) Saved people get Eternal Life with Jesus Christ. Lost people get Hell and a lake of Fire with the devil. God never promised you money or good health, no matter what the TV preachers are telling you.

You may want to blame God for your lack of something or poor health, but it is not His fault. It is just sin. It is a mess. We have to learn not to expect to be treated well for doing well it does not work that way in this life.

You know you better teach your kids the longer this world goes on the less sense any of it is going to make. Instead of you trying to figure it out and make everybody equal pretending that everybody can run as fast as everybody else, and everybody can earn what they want. Just do your best take your lumps, go to church, and praise God.



11. Transgression Brings Punishment

Ecclesiastes 8:11... Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. The first time that child back-talks you and you do nothing about it, you are reinforcing that child's power and desire to back-talk you again. The first time you say that behavior will be punished then that child commits that behavior and they are not punished, you are reinforcing bad behavior. If you do not deal with it immediately, the child cannot connect the crime with the punishment. If you don't deal with it at all, the child will learn there is no punishment for the crime. Okay?

There was a time in my life that I stole a piece of bubble gum, they were then 2 for a penny, I only took one and just figured it was no big deal.

When I got home my father saw me chewing that piece of bubble gum knowing that I just came from the 5 and dime, asked me where I got the gum, I lied and said my friend bought it for me, well my father went next door to my friend's house inquiring about the transaction of the bubble gum. When he came home, he disciplined me with his belt on my behind for lying and stealing. Needless to say I never stole another piece of bubble gum again.

Now, I know spanking is not acceptable behavior in the 21st. century, but back then we left our cars outside with the keys in them, we left the doors of our homes unlocked at night, children never feared while walking home from school, we had no perverts, or maybe we did but they were too scared to do anything about it, Seems to me the old system worked better.

Why would you leave it up to your child to figure it out on his own?

We need to teach our children that transgression brings punishment.

12. The World Does Not Revolve Around You

We sort of touched on this in the matter of loving others – but let us elaborate on it more here. Philippians 2:20-21... *For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state. 21 For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.* Right or wrong, this is a fact. You naturally care more about yourself than anybody else. (Job 2:4 this verse was spoken by Satan) Everybody else cares more about themselves than they do you. The quicker you can learn to not get your feelings hurt when you find out someone does not like you as much as they like themself the easier your life is going to be.

If you get the flu I am sorry. If I get the flu, I am a lot sorrier than I am if you get the flu. Have you ever been stuck in traffic and mad? Then your wife will say "*maybe someone is hurt?*" and your response will be "*Well, they need to move it...*" What about the poor guy with the broken leg? You do not care, you have somewhere to go. Now you can work through that, you can pray about it then repent of your selfish attitude. But normally our first instinct in



every situation is me first. Only as the Lord works me past all my selfishness I can get around to you.

The sooner our boys and girls learn that the other kids do not want to share their toys... the other kids do not want to give them half of their candy... the other kids do not want to be nice to them – it is just life.

When your son comes home and says... (Crying) "They invited three people to swim in the pool and they didn't invite me..." you say that's the way it goes. You do not walk down the street and tell the mom with the pool that she has to let you kid in the pool, you will just make things worse for your kid.

13. <u>There Are Two Sides to Every Story</u>

Proverbs 22:15... *Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child;* (We are going to stop there and let you dwell on that for a moment.) There are two sides to every story. Do you know what amazes me? Someone will get all bent out of shape because their kid told them that a teacher did something to them. Instead of going to the school meeting with the teacher, they will believe their little angel only to find out he/or she is a little hellion in school who is disrespectful and uses vulgar language. First find out the other side of the story before you lose your testimony.

You have a long hard road ahead of you. Everybody will tell their side of the story. Everybody will leave out the parts that incriminate them. Before you act rising to the defense of your child go ask someone else in the school if your little angel has acted in this manner before.

If it were possible to ask for a show of hands on whoever stole anything then go caught then made up a lie to tell what they were doing, I would bet everyone would have their hand up. So why would you ever expect anything different from your child. They are your offspring! There are always two sides to every story.

14. They are Not in Charge As Long As They Are Under Your Charge

Galatians 4:1-2. Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; 2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Your child will be an adult soon enough. Do not give them the liberty, the authority, the respect that is due to an adult if they are a child. Do you know how many grown men/women have left church because their sixteen year old did not like it anymore? "When you get your own roof, pay your own bills, drive your own car, see your own doctor – then you can decide about not going to church."

Your child may say to you someday "Well, I just don't want to go to school anymore..."

Your response must be "*Great, Go get a job and an apartment.*" If they are going to live under your roof, eat your groceries, run up your water bill, make you liable for their actions, then you are responsible for governing their



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actions and they need to know that. They are still your teenagers? They are not to be in charge, let them go establish their own kingdom. Do not advocate your throne to a child. You say "*Get out of the shower*!" Their response is *"I'm not done yet...."* Just cut the water off! Turn on the hot water in the kitchen or flush the toilet a few times.

Why must teach my children because what they want they want and unless you start young you are in for a long hard saddening life watching them destroy themselves. That is why you got all of these riots, job related lawsuits about everything this stuff is going on because we are teaching our children they are entitled to things they have never earned... that they have authority, dominion over things that they have not provided. "*That's my water. Those are my groceries. That's my car. This is my house. You are not entitled to any of it. I'm going to govern my home*" They are self-centered and will be till the day they die unless you teach them to contribute. (Proverbs 29:15) You must teach them that they are not in charge as long as they are under your charge.

15. The Difference between the Clean and the Unclean...

2 Corinthians 6:14-15... Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. We must teach our children the difference between the clean and the unclean, the holy and the unholy, the right and the wrong, that which belongs to God and that which belongs to the devil.

This subject takes a lot of self-denial of your part first and we do not have enough space to really get into the issues. For now I can tell you what is really confusing to your kids. When you are trying to teach them against adultery and fornication, then sit in your living room watching TV shows where people commit adultery and fornication, it confuses to your child's mind. It is confusing when they come to church where the pastor, the youth pastor are trying to teach your daughters to dress modestly and you dress them up like little whores to keep up with fashion." that is confusing. When you talk all nice about the preacher in the church house and talk all bad about the preacher in your house, it's confusing. If it's holy in the church house, it should be holy in your house. If it is unclean in church, then it is unclean in your house as you subject your children to be unclean in your media and in your entertainment. We come go to church to try to get kids interested in music that honours and glorifies God and as soon as they get out of church, you let them stick some ear buds in to listen to filth and garbage that honours glorifying sin - that is confusing. You can't teach them right from wrong if it's only right for an hour



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on Sunday. If you are going to teach a boy or a girl the difference between clean and unclean, it has to be all the time... Christ and Belial – it has be all the time. Listen to what they are listening too, check their phone/computer see what they watch, or who they chat with, who they call, if you do not know how to do this the Library offers courses where you can learn or go to your cell phone providers and ask them. Never forget what we covered in # 13.

You must teach them the difference between the clean and the unclean. **16. "Don't You Ever Make Me Choose between You and Jesus Christ"**

Do you want to know why there are so few people going to good churches today? Do you want to know why good churches that used to have hundreds of people are now the carnal, no-count churches with rock band and dancing girls? Let's read why... Luke 14:25-27... And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, 26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. 27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. His children... you can't... you can't follow me if you're going to stop following me when your children do. All across America men and women raise sons and daughters who left church then went out in the world to find worldly church where there son or daughter would feel comfortable that would eventually do them no good at all.

- You have to teach your children don't you ever make me choose between you and Jesus Christ.
- Don't you ever ask me to give up the Lord of glory who died on a cross to save my soul so you will feel more comfortable in a church of your like mined peers.
- Do not ask me to throw the Bible away because you do not want to read it anymore

Jesus first... I love my family... I love my friends... but not like I love Jesus. And if I have kinfolk that want me to skip church on Sunday to hang out with them, they are going to have to tell me they have done something more for me than shedding their blood to pay for my sins or I am going to be where Jesus wants me to be. Parent it is your responsibility to train the up.

Do not let them ever make you choose between them and Jesus Christ.

Notes



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(*) if asterisk is shown in question, scripture is required along with answer in your own words.

1. What did 100% of the inmates I asked respond to my question?

- 2. Your little angel enjoys telling lies why?*
- 3. Why should we find out what are children are doing?
- 4. Why should we never back down to their threats that we are invading their privacy?
- 5. Explain Ecclesiastes 10:7?

- 6. When do you allow your child to set his or her own rules?
- 7. How was our society before they removed prayer from schools, teaching the 10 commandments and spanking?

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| 8. | What are the 16 things we should teach our children? | |
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- 10. What must <u>you do</u> in order to teach your child the difference between good and evil?
- 11. How can you teach your child that transgression bring with it punishment?*
- 12. How can you teach your child not to be so self-centered?
- 13. Next time your child tells you that someone did something bad to them what is going to be your response?
- 14. Why is it important to keep the same standards you learn in church at home?

True/false

- I want my child to fit in.
- If my child comes home crying about what the teacher did to him/her, I am going to sue the school.
- If all the other kids are doing it I am going to let my child do it too.

Scripture memorization: (Ecclesiastes 8:11; Proverbs 29:15; Proverbs 13:24) Write out these verses on the back on this page: (must be in KJV)

any questions?