

Strategies for Successful Parenting

Deuteronomy 6:4-7



The Example of Eli

1 Samuel 2:12

Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial (worthless men); they knew not the Lord.



Words without action prove very ineffective

- ❖ Insist on our children's obedience.
- ❖ Overly tolerant love can blind a parent to the faults of their children.

Eli didn't sense the urgency of enforcing parental discipline

- Permissive parenting reaps a bitter harvest. **(Proverbs 22:15)**
- The child who is not trained in the habit of obedience makes very poor material for the kingdom of God.
(Proverbs 23:13-14)

- As soon as a child shows signs of anger and selfishness they are old enough to be punished. This will teach them emotional responsibility. **(Proverbs 19:18)**
- Loving discipline allows you to deal with the issue of your child's self-will. **(Proverbs 29:15)**
- Success in the enforcement of parental discipline depends on the consistency of the discipline. **(Proverbs 13:24)**

David and his son Adonijah

1 Kings 1:6

And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so?...



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Just say no.

- ❖ We must avoid extremes of permissiveness and harshness.
 - ~ Our children ought to be afraid of discipline not of us.
- ❖ We must avoid falling into the trap of shielding our children from all forms of pain and hardship.