

“The Transformed Home: the Parents’ Responsibility”

The Cosmic Supremacy of Christ

Col. 3:21 • pt. 39

INTRODUCTION

- why is parenting so difficult and at times maddening?

Ps. 51:5; Rom. 5:12; Gen. 5:3

1. *The role of parents*

Eph. 6:4

a. to _____ the children

1 Cor. 11:32

“To discipline a child is not to punish him for stepping out of line, but to teach that child the way he ought to go. Discipline therefore includes everything that you do in order to help children learn.”
– Henry Brandt

Prov. 3:12; 13:24

b. to _____ the children

Deut. 4:9; 11:18-19; 32:45-46

2. *The responsibility of parents*

Col. 3:21

- not the cause of their bad behavior...but contributors to it?
- “do not exasperate”

Eph. 6:4

“Children need two pats on the back. One high enough to encourage them when they do right, and one low enough to discourage them when they do wrong. Effective [parenting] requires knowing which end of the child to pat.”
– author unknown

3. *The parenting balance*

- “to loose heart”
- Paul’s example of balance

1 Thess. 2:10-12

“Spare the rod and spoil the child. It is true. But beside the rod keep an apple to give him when he does well.”

– Martin Luther

Prov. 19:18