

Avoiding Hypocrisy in Parenting

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Lesson 1: _____ so you don't see your sins in your children (2 Sam 13:21, 38-39, 14:33, 18:5; 1 Kin 1:6).

Lesson 2: Don't let _____ prevent you from disciplining your children (Pro 13:24, 19:18).

Avoid hypocrisy in parenting by:

Lesson 3: _____ you want from your children (Rom 2:1, 20-24; Matt 7:1-5).

Lesson 4: Telling your children _____.

Family Worship Guide

Memory Verses: Romans 2:1

- 1. Day 1—Read 2 Sam 13:21, 38-39, 14:33, 18:5, 1 Kin 1:6 and discuss:** What sins did David see in the lives of his sons? In what ways did David's sons' sins reveal his sins? What are the dangers associated with viewing our children too sentimentally?
- 2. Day 2—Read Pro 1:8-9, 3:12, 13:24, 19:18, 22:6 and discuss:** Why didn't David discipline his sons? Why would past sins prevent parents from disciplining their children? What can parents tell themselves when past sins prevent them from disciplining their children? When parents have sin-filled pasts what can they tell their children to avoid hypocrisy?
- 3. Day 3—Read Rom 2:1, 20-24, Matt 7:1-5 and discuss:** Do you have expectations for your children that you don't have for yourself? What would your children say in answer to the previous question? Do your children see behaviors from you that you don't want to see from them? Are you presenting a high view of God in your home, not just from what you profess, but the way you live?
- 4. Day 4—Read Rom 3:9-23 and discuss:** Why should parents share with their children that they're sinners too? What are the dangers for parents if they don't share with their children that they're sinners too? Why is it important for parents to avoid making excuses to their children? What happens if children grow up with parents who regularly shift blame? In what ways can children see Christ through humble, loving parents?

Suggestions for prayer:

- 1. Your pastors and elders:** those who lead, feed, and care for the flock, and their families (Col 4:3, 2 Thes 3:1).
- 2. Church members in need** (1 Tim 2:1, Eph 6:18, Col 1:9).
- 3. "Kings" and those in authority:** President Trump, Vice President Pence, Governor Inslee (1 Tim 2:2).
- 4. The spread of the Gospel:** Missionaries and unreached people groups (Matt 9:37-38).