

## **Parenting Workshop Session #3**

### **NO**

“Why do my parents seem to always say no?”

“Why are my parents always trying to get me to do things I do not want to do?”

“Why can’t my parents understand what my world is like, my needs and concerns?”

“Why are my parents always on my case?”

Fathers do not exasperate your children . . . Eph 6:4

Fathers do not embitter your children . . . Col. 3:21

### **THE GOAL**

Train a child in the way he should go . . . Prov. 22:6

What is the Goal?

How does your parenting style achieve it?

How does parent and child understand the goal together – (get on the same page)?

### **MINOR . . . ADULT**

Illegal activity before age 18yr.

Vote, marry, cigarettes, alcohol, sexual consent, contracts, work, join military, education, emancipation, drive car - (16yr.)

Why were laws established to regulate the activities of minors?

Lawmakers are not our parents. Why would they care? Why does it matter?

Lack ability to make mature decisions, need protection from life-altering decisions.

Protection from abuse

Child Labor: 1788 England 66% of workers in cotton mills – children.

(1876) steps taken to limit age to 14yr. to work (12 yr old girls running spinning machines in factories: Coal mines worked kids as young as 5 yrs.—died by age 25yr. lung cancer/ accidents. Orphans worked for room and board.

Children earned wages of 10-20% of adults. Charles Dickens Oliver Twist: working at age 12yr. Families in debtor’s prison worked parents and kids.

Work days: often 4am – 5pm. No education, endangered health, physical and mental development. Many died in work accidents.

USA: early decades of the 1900’s was peak number of child laborers

Depression cut children out of work force

Not until 1938 Federal Law established: Fair Labor Standard

International issue: Now!

Sexual consent is 12yr in Philippines Ten year old gives birth in Romania. Many nations still work children.

Juvenile Law: Due process not established until 1967.

Neglect and abuse: laws requiring parents to protect their children until reach maturity

Education, health, protection from life-altering decisions, guidance

## God's Standard

As Christians:

Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and reject not your mother's teaching: for they are a fair garland for you head, and pendants for your neck. Prov. 22:8

Children obey your parents in everything for this pleases the Lord  
Fathers do not embitter/provoke your children . . . Col 3:20-21

No greater joy can I have than this, to hear that my children follow the truth.  
III John 4

Hear O Israel, and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.  
Deut 6:4-7

## Self pressure - - Peer pressure - - God pressure

1. Herodias asked for the head of John the Baptist . . . "And the king was sorry; but because of his oaths and his guests he commanded it to be given;"  
Mt. 14:9
2. "When the Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, "  
Rom. 2:14-15
3. "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us looking to Jesus . . ."  
Heb 12:1-2
4. "Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life ; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law but under grace."  
Rom. 6:12-14
5. "But when you follow your own wrong inclinations your lives will produce these evil results: impure thoughts, . . .hatred and fighting, jealousy and anger, constant effort to get the best for yourself, complaints and criticisms, the feeling that everyone else is wrong except those in your own little group ...  
Gal. 5:19-20 (Living Bible)