

MARANATHA BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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"Present every man perfect in Christ Jesus" (Colossians 1:28)

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Sunday School: 9.45 am

Sunday English / Chinese Worship Service: 10.45 am Sunday Chinese Worship Service: 7 pm

Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8.00 pm

How to Raise Rebellious Children in the Home

Introduction

Here is the secret to raising unhappy and rebellious kids in the home and parents have an important role to play to achieve this. Consider the following points and apply them consistently and watch the kids degenerate into disobedient and godless people and enjoy the consequences.

1. Try to constantly distract and discourage them in all that they do and if possible do not share the gospel with them at all nor examine their salvation.
2. You can live an inconsistent life style and teach them double standards and that it is alright to show favoritism to one child against the other.
3. Do demonstrate one's excessive anger and the use of extreme violence in disciplining them without a just cause.
4. Do not bother to teach them the 10 Commandments or the Lord's Prayer. It is a waste of time.
5. Your words are always right and there is no need to give any biblical reason. There is one golden rule in the home. Parents are always right. When the parents are wrong, refer to the golden rule.
6. Do not say anything when they do wrong or sin against God as we may offend them. We should not correct them often, but try to appease them instead.
7. Compare and contrast them with other children and let them know if they fall short of your expectations.
8. It is alright to be a hypocrite once in a while, for after all, no one is perfect.
9. Make an effort to publicly embarrass them by satire or sarcastic remarks in front of their friends and siblings.

10. Keep asking them if they have done their home work all the time and do not bother to ask if they have read the Bible or prayed at all.
11. Discipline them publicly when they make the slightest mistake and do not ever ask them for their forgiveness or say 'I am sorry' when we sin against them or else you will lose your authority forever.
12. Do not ever accept any correction or admonition from pastors, elders or our spouses or our children as we should uphold our pride as the head of the house, even when we do wrong.
13. It is alright to be self-centered in our treatment of them and do not bother to refer to the Bible when you counsel them and give no opportunity for them to seek Christ in the confession of sins.
14. Forget about family worship and praying together with them and do not bother to say grace at meals with them.
15. Forbid any Sunday School class or fellowship meetings with other Christians and tell them to concentrate on doing well in their studies instead and it is alright to arrange tuition on Sunday and not keep the Sabbath holy.
16. During examination time, they may skip church service and plan many tuition classes during the week, even if they are tired.
17. Be very reactive to anything they do and give them a list of endless interrogative statements, if necessary.
18. Let them use the laptop or handphone to play games or watch Youtube or TV programmes indiscriminately, to occupy their time while you do your own things. That is efficiency.
19. It is alright to quarrel with your spouse in front of them and set the example for them to emulate.
20. Buy or give them anything they want, whenever they want it. After all, this is a parent's love.

Conclusion

Proverbs 30:11, *There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.* Do you want to raise up godless, recalcitrant and unhappy children in your family? If not, we need to prayerfully examine ourselves. If we are guilty of any of these unedifying actions mentioned above, let us do the exact opposite, before it is too late. Solomon says, Proverbs 6:20, *'My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother'* and **Proverbs 31:1, 2** says, *'The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him. What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows?'*

May God give us grace and godly wisdom to nurture and build up God-fearing children

instead and leave behind a God-honouring legacy.

Jack Sin

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Testimony



My name is Thomas and I was arrested for drug trafficking in 2008. My arrest left my family totally disappointed in me. My family came and posted bail for me. After my two weeks' stay in Queenstown Remand. I was not thankful for their help and immediately I fell back into drugs which led me to my second arrest two weeks later. My family was very disappointed in me. They thought of giving up on me, but I was glad they did not. They did not visit me for a long time while I was in Queenstown Remand the second time. They must have given up on me, I reasoned. With the effect of the drugs gone, my clear thinking gradually returned. I started to think of my actions in the past and I questioned myself again and again. I was searching for something. I needed something. But what was it? Depression slowly slipped in as time passed, but still no answer.

The turning point of my life came after I met some older inmates. They told me that Jesus was the truth, the life and the way, and only Jesus could help me walk out from this spiritual darkness. Of course, I was skeptical at first. After all, I had initially thought Jesus was for the "Ang Mohs", not us. Everyone around me told me of God's love and wonder, even the wardens told me the same things. But I did not believe at first because if He were really that great, why did the inmates who shared about Him have to be in prison? I was spiritually blinded, until one night

That night, I suddenly had the urge to seek God in prayer. I told God that if my family came to visit me, I would believe in Him. I was still doubtful. But since there was nothing to lose, I just prayed to Him. And guess what? My family actually came the next day. I was awestruck! My prayer, though simple, had been answered. I still held a tinge of doubt but I was undoubtedly amazed. Coincidentally, I told myself I wanted more evidence of God. On my second attempt at prayer, I asked God to give me a chance and allow me a lighter sentence. I bargained with God. I said, "I am willing to change my life and am remorseful. I hope that you will give me a chance and sentence me to Reformative Training Centre (RTC), and I will serve you wholeheartedly." My lawyer told me that being sentenced to RTC was not possible, as I already had two counts of drug trafficking. Miraculously, I was sentenced to RTC. I knew by then what I had to do. God had made it clear that He cares.

From that day onwards, I gave my life to Jesus as my Saviour and Lord. I am no more in darkness. God has rescued me and now Jesus has led the way! I have not blamed God

for it. Consequently, I had to serve a heavier sentence and I did not curse God. Instead, I was happy that my imprisonment had led me to the Saviour, who is Jesus. I knew, as a sinner, I needed Jesus to save me from my sins. And I thank God for it. I received Jesus into my life as my personal Saviour and Lord. I had nothing when I came to prison except all my character flaws, but now I have everything I need, for God is my everything. In the past, my relationship with my family was in a terrible and distant state, but since I came to know Jesus, He has helped me to reconcile with them. Furthermore, I was a secondary 3 dropout but God gave me the opportunity to study, so I am a diploma holder in social work now. Currently, I am also waiting for my degree in UniSIM in this coming July. The Lord Jesus Christ has set me free from all my bad habits like drug addiction, gambling and smoking. I am no longer in bondage. I have more things to say of how much God has done for me in my life, but they are just too many to mention here. Unless you have experienced it yourself, you will never know how wonderful God's love is. Will you repent of your sins and believe in Christ today?

Thomas Liao

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Inauguration of the Maranatha BP Church Chinese Fellowship

Hebrews 10:24-25 says, *'And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.'*



Last Sunday at 1.30 pm after lunch, by the will of God, we incepted the first Chinese fellowship of the church following the suggestions from brothers Li Liang Liang and Zhu Man Xin after the Easter Service at the informal time of fellowship in my home. As some of them stayed back for evangelism at 4 pm, it was proposed that there be an informal

fellowship to afford an edifying time for them to meet and share and learn from the word of God. 19 came for the first meeting with mostly the morning Chinese Service members and friends and it was chaired by brother Chen Ching Hong and we shared the word on *The Principles and Practices of Prayer*.

It will be a fortnightly 1 hour meeting and it will have the feature of the Chinese brethren leading in worship and prayers and the message to be relevant with Q and A thereafter. The subsequent meetings will discuss pertinent issues of the Christian faith and other practical concerns with invited speakers.

All are welcome and do pray for the Chinese brethren as they seek to deepen their knowledge of the word and build strong relationships with one another.

Jack Sin

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MLF cottage meeting at the home of sister Chin Pit Yuen and her



Pray for all at the new Catechism class and come and attend the other Sunday School classes.



Theme for the Quarter :

Developing our Biblical Understanding of Christian Issues

English Worship Service

Rev Dr Jack Sin speaks on

Biblical Understanding of the Covenant Marriage

(Scripture Text : Ephesians 5:22-33; Responsive Text : 1 Peter 3:1-22)

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