

Problems And Solutions: Bad Parenting / No Parenting

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Introduction:

Earlier lessons we talked about why we have some of the problems in our society we are having now. First lesson, not respecting human life. Second lesson, not being able to communicate/talk. Now we want to address another issue.

I) Background with three situations

A) April 25, 2018 Dr. Phil Show "Worse Mother In the World"

Just 17 when her oldest child was born, Jenny says having kids wasn't in her plan. Now 36, Jenny is a single parent with five children, ages 8-18.

Her two oldest, 18-year-old Ryan and 15-year-old Maddie, say Jenny doesn't cook or clean, won't interact with the family, and rarely gets out of bed.

"My mom doesn't spend any time with us. She'd rather sleep and play Candy Crush," claims Maddie.

Ryan says, "My mom expects me and my sister to take care of the kids make sure they're fed, make sure the house is a tiny bit clean."

"I don't like to sit in the same room as them," agrees Jenny. Continuing, she says, "I'm really good at getting pregnant and having kids, I just don't know how to raise them."

B) Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris - the Columbine High School Shooters.

Eric Harris was a psychopath intent on killing people.

Dylan was the opposite. His journal is guising with love and hearts, as well as feverish out burst of anger toward himself.

Dylan's parents are well educated, reflective, highly intelligent people. They had no idea of the plans and weapons they had. Semi-automatic guns, sawed off shotguns, knives, and bombs. They had about 95 different types of bombs.

There have been numerous shootings since then and not all of them are the same. Some of the shooters had emotional and mental problems. Some came from good homes and some from bad homes.

C) Then there are others problems we are seeing today which does require us to ask, "What is the problem?"

Why are young people turning to gangs in the inner cities? Why would a young woman allow her body to be used to enter a gang? Why would another young man kill a total stranger in order to enter a gang? Etc.

Some of the problems can be traced to the home and what is and is not happening there.

II) Three Types of Parents

A) Bad parents

1. They make decisions without consulting the Bible and even teach contrary to the Bible. *Proverbs 22.8, Hosea 8.7*
 - a. Example: Parents teaching their children how to steal; use drugs, using profane language, etc.
 - b. Some parents even use their children to get what they want. Herodias and her daughter, *Mark 6*.
2. Parents who are abusive. "Without natural affection" *Romans 1.31 RSV*
 - a. Hard to understand how a parent could kill their own child or any child.
 - b. Sexual perversion
3. They do not consider the bad influences around their children.
 - a. Violent video games which makes death a game and disincentives them to death.
 - b. We have gone from the glamorization of violence in movies to making it unreal.

B) No parenting (AWOL)

1. There are parents who are simply not involved in their children.
2. Their peers will take their place, Proverbs speaks of sinners who entice you. *Proverbs 1.10*.

3. They don't have the time for their children so their children are not being reared as much as they are like sheep wandering without a shepherd.
 - a. GIGO applies to human beings as well as computers.
 - b. Children are not free-range animals.

C) Good parents

1. They may be single parents or two working together. Various Bible passages on parenting.
 - a. Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it, *Proverbs 22.6*.
 - b. Teach them the words of God, *Deut. 6.7; Ephesians 6.4*; example of this is Timothy, *2 Timothy 1.5*
 - c. Teach them what is needed, what is appropriate at their stage of life, *Proverbs 13.24*
2. Sometimes good parenting requires enlisting others to help re-enforce what you are teaching them. Older women were told to teach the younger women and presumably the older men would teach the younger men. How to cook, sow, keep house, work, etc. *Titus 2.3-8*.
3. Good parents are not perfect but there are certain traits they have.

- a. Spending time with their children and not just on their children. A lot of parents are casual observers my not involved. Any time you see the word teach it means to spend time with them in teaching them.
 - b. Being aware of what is going on in the lives of their children. Who their friends are and where they are going. *1 Corinthians 15.33*. Solomon observed a young man being at the wrong place, *Proverbs 1.15; 4.14, 18; 7.6-9*.
 - c. Taking the time to discipline them in the ways of the Lord, *Proverbs 1.8*.
4. Pray for wisdom in your parenting.
 5. Apply Biblical principles.

Conclusion:

God and His word has to be re-introduced into our society. With that comes the home must become the place where children are reared and trained. The Bible must be respected as our moral compass and Jesus the way to salvation.