

DIVINE ORDER TEACHING

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DIVINE ORDER FOR RAISING CHILDREN

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The Highest Purpose for Man

To be content with food and raiment,
the necessities of life

To be in a place free from the influence of
Babylon and free to exercise and grow in God

To find your place in the Kingdom of God
which is coming on the Earth

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For eight years I have been sharing privately with parents across the country, God's Divine Order for raising their children, from the Word of God. This will be the first time that I have ever preached or taught on it publicly in any public meeting. In my travels I have seen such a great need, particularly in these last few years, for the revelation from God's Word of God's Divine Order for raising children. The last couple of months, God has been burdening my heart heavily to take time to make a tape on this subject and make it available to God's people. I am glad the anointing is here, the Spirit has brought the time and the hour, and now we can make the tape. If you want to know how to raise your children, you must get that understanding from the source of all knowledge; from the Spirit of God and the Word of God.

We know that most parents in the world today and most parents in the church today and most parents in the move of God today are a failure in this area up to now. All you have to do is look at the children of the parents of the world, and look on the world scene, the hippy scene and the drug scene. My God, I saw a poor couple in a Life magazine standing beside their young stalwart boy in a photograph that was taken with his hair down to here, looking more like a girl than a boy, with these little dohicki graduation caps on top of his head. I saw that poor mother and father standing beside him with a forced smile on their lips, bravely trying to face the world, trying desperately not to face the fact that they had been a failure as parents.

The story was one of all the graduation exercises that the colleges this year had had. One showed a picture of a mother and father standing beside their boy, knowing nothing about what was in his heart, not understanding him, no real communication or union with him, broken over his long hair, his attitude, not understanding it, but with a forced smile on their faces. "We don't understand what's going on,

where he is, or where he's going, but he's our boy and we are going to stand here beside him." Then it had stories of how at a certain college, all the seats in the auditorium where they were supposed to have graduation exercises were empty. Maybe 10 or 12 people were there. Then it showed a picture of all the young people who were supposed to be graduating, sitting out on the lawn with their long hair and their kookie looking clothes on and so forth, listening to a rock and roll jazz session and they were having their graduation exercises that way. And so on and on it went, We don't need any further illustrations of the truth that all the world today are failures as parents.

Because this thing is going on in the church, because I have more ministries sons and daughters brought to me to cast demons out of them; homosexual demons, demons of insanity; as I cross the country, we don't have to give illustrations to know that 99% of the parents in the church are failures in this area. In the move of God, the parents are a little more fortunate than that. Many are able to keep a little communication with their children, still have their authority over them, particularly if they are young, and yet even in the move of God, I'm thinking of at least two of the most well known ministries across the country, one of the greatest healing ministries of our time, whose son has just come back up off the dope and hippy route and all that, by the grace of God and much tearing of his father's heart and another whose two sons are still down the road. And certainly therefore, it is the Spirit of God that is dealing with us in this area this morning.

I am going to make a statement, like most of the statements I make in these last days, not all of them, but I'm going to make it "Thus sayeth the Lord." The statement is: "Only the spiritual fathers, who are moving and walking in the anointing of the Spirit of God today, know how to raise children." If it doesn't get through to you and you don't clearly understand it, just seek God on it, and I will explain it to you. The reason I say that is because only Father God

knows how to raise children. And those spiritual fathers who are walking and moving in the anointing of the Spirit of God today, because the anointing they are in is not them, but Father God, only they know how to raise children. They know, not because they are anybody, but because they have been brought to the point where they have become fathers in the Spirit, because they have the heart of Father God beating in them.

There are different levels of growth in the family of God. The old apostle John, who had a father's heart and could move with his spiritual children on any level they were at, and understand them everyone, from the babes in the Lord to those who were coming into fatherhood themselves. John wrote to the church, to all churches, and said, "I write to you little children because your sins are forgiven you, I write unto you young men because you are strong and have overcome the wicked one, but I write unto you fathers because you have known Him Who is from the beginning." You, when you were in your own carnality interpreted those scriptures carnally and you assumed that he was writing and talking to natural children, natural young men, and natural fathers that belong to the church or went to churches. Someday all of God's children are going to wake up and grow up and know that every word in every epistle of those apostolic fathers was never to natural wives, natural fathers, natural husbands, natural young men, natural children; but it was written to the church by men who moved and lived and walked and had their being in the Spirit. Therefore always they were writing and speaking in the Spirit.

To the church and inside the family of God they were writing and speaking to the spiritual fathers, the spiritual wife, the spiritual young men, spiritual husbands, and spiritual children.

Now only can John's word to those three levels be understood when it is understood in that context. And so he said, "I write unto you little children because your sins are forgiven you." The old spiritual father, the old apostle, could

meet his little children on that level. He knew that that was their rejoicing, that that was all they had to rejoice over, because they were just babes in the Lord, they had just been saved, they only had the salvation experience, the salvation truth. That is all they had to rejoice over. They'd stand up in the church and say, "I thank the Lord my soul is saved and I rejoice that my sins are forgiven." The spiritual father, who could communicate with his children on any level said, "Oh, I rejoice with you little children that your sins are forgiven, and I write unto you because your sins are forgiven."

Then he said, "I write unto you young men because you are strong and overcome the wicked one." There in the church there were some young men in the Spirit who had grown up in the Spirit past the children stage and had gotten the baptism of the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit had come forth in them and they could speak in tongues and prophesy. Their spiritual muscles had begun to swell and they had discovered that they could cast out devils and overcome the wicked one and they had come forth in some deliverance ministry and went moving about in deliverance ministry and their rejoicing was that they had become strong and could overcome the wicked one. And we have those in the church of Jesus Christ today also, and that is their rejoicing. My, that the spiritual muscles have begun to swell and they have discovered that they have the power to cast out devils, lay hands on the sick sometimes and get them healed, prophesy beautifully under the anointing of the Spirit, comfort and exhort others and that is their life. They are rejoicing that they have become strong and have overcome the wicked one. And that old father in the Spirit, so tradition says, when he became so old in his physical being that he could no longer walk again, could hardly speak, after many trials and tests on the isle of Patmos, had to be carried down to the church. His last words to his children were, "Little children, love one another, little children, love one another." And that old father who could communicate with his children on any level said

to his young men, "I rejoice that you are strong and can overcome the wicked one."

But then he said, "I write unto you fathers, whom God is going to hold accountable for the whole family of God." I write unto you because you have known Him. Because you have come into a union, because the Eternal Father has brought you into the depths of His plans and purposes. Because you have come into a union with the Eternal Father; such a union that his own heart is beating through you. And I write unto you because you really understand me. You know Him. You know Him so well that His heart is beating through you. Then he went on in the rest of his epistle to share with them who alone would one day understand his father's heart and the mysteries of life.

It is good to be children in the Lord, rejoicing over sins forgiven. It is good to be young men that have grown strong and have overcome the wicked one. Some of us have walked that way for years.

But again I say that only spiritual fathers who have known Him Who is from the beginning, know how to raise children. I know whereof I speak, because the evidence that they do is that God Almighty Himself entrusts, through their union with Him, the raising of His own children.

The first thing you need to know as parents is that you are no longer called to just raise your children naturally and to prepare them for the natural life; it is in this area that most parents have failed their children. They have prepared them just to face natural life. Send them to school, send them to college, send them to get a career. They spend practically all their time, all their labor, preparing them to have a better life than they themselves had. "I want my kids to have it better than I had." And so much so that they sold the child himself the idea that that is all he needs to be prepared for and that idea is what the child grows up with. The fulfillment of the natural letter is always directly contrary to the Spirit. If you as parents in the move of God are going to raise your children right, from here on out you are going to have to go

directly against that, contrary to it. Not only not spending your effort, time, money, preparing them to have better than you had in the natural, but try your best to teach them that they're a fool and you're a fool also if they spend any of their time preparing for a natural career, getting themselves a degree. They better spend 99% of their time, at least, preparing for a life that has nothing to do with this natural life. God has brought human history to the point where the people of God will soon no longer prepare themselves for a career in the natural, and to have it better than their parents had it in the natural because God will have allowed human history to come to the point where the way is completely cut off for the people of God to have a career in the natural, in the Babylonish system. Five years from now, nobody who names the name of Jesus will be able to work at a career in the Babylonish system, which covers the whole world outside of the body of Christ. You better get the leadership of the Spirit of God to prepare them, prepare their future to learn how to walk and how to live in the Spirit of God, so that the Spirit of God can lead them through that hour, through those means that God will have in that hour for preserving His people, when there is no longer an open door in the Babylonish system of this natural world for the people of God.

The second thing that you need to learn, and the most important principle you need to learn as far as raising your children is concerned, if you would bring them into life, is this: that your battle is not going to be FOR your children, your battle is going to be WITH your children. And that's where 99% of the parents in the world, the church, and the move of God miss it. They very foolishly, if they do any fighting at all, for their child's life, that he might have life, they want to spend all their time fighting FOR their child instead of fighting - and I use the term fighting because it is a warfare, a daily warfare - instead of fighting WITH your child. The enemy that you have to defeat to preserve your child's life is not OUTSIDE your child, he is IN your child.

It's that OLD ADAM NATURE that your child is born with that is going to raise up against you, his parent, and against God, his Eternal Parent that's in you, and resist you every step of the way, as he's been resisting his Eternal Father God, from the beginning.

I have a mother who has lived out her life only for her boys. She had four of them. When somebody ever came against her boys, in any way whatsoever, she was like an old tiger that would come roaring out of the cave if anybody dares to touch one of her cubs. And I've seen her weep and I've seen her work. She had eight children and although my father was perfectly capable of making a living for them all, he and my mother had an arrangement in their marriage which I determined long ago when I was a child that I would not have in mine. He had his bank account and she had hers, he had his money and she had hers and because he was pretty tight with his, she not only raised eight kids but she worked out almost every day during the time she was raising those eight kids so she could have her own money to spend. And that thing was an abomination to me even when I was a child. That is why ever since my own wife and I got married whatever paycheck I got from my business or my job or from the Lord, I brought it home and handed it to her. Now when I need a dollar I go to her and say, "Honey, give me a dollar." And it is a liberation, men. She writes all the checks, pays all the bills, everything. I don't have to worry about it. All I have to do is trust God and when I need a dollar all I have to do is go say, "Honey, give me a dollar." Those foolish husbands who keep their clammy hands on everything when they have a good wife that would use wisdom, they are missing something. My mother worked hard every day and she worked for her boys and for her girls and no matter what her boys did, they were her boys and they were always right. If anybody came around and told her about what her boys were doing or not doing, no matter how true it was, they were up against a stone wall. Her boys were right, every time and it almost sent my soul down to the

pits of Hell. That is the only part that I don't appreciate about my mother today. She still is like that. The Word of God through me has been able to deliver her from many things but it hasn't been able to deliver her from that. From the looks of things, I don't suppose it ever will in this life.

So learn that well, parents. Your enemy that you have to fight for your children, to preserve their life, is not OUTSIDE your children, it is IN your children. You do not have to fight the world for them. You fight that enemy that is inside of them and conquer him and they will conquer the world for themselves, through the anointing of God. It is a daffy, incessant battle. It is not something that you can win by taking him to some preacher to lay hands on him. It's not a battle you can win by just praying for them. I run into parents that think that suddenly, because they have the revelation that it's demons and devils that tempt their child into doing what he does, that they can throw away the old razor strap now, and toss the paddle out the door, and now when their child becomes a little demon himself, all they have to do is go and pray for Jesus to go chase all the demons away for them. And they bring them to me all the time trying to get me to deliver them with the laying on of hands, what they should be delivering them from with the razor strap. Now there is a word in the Bible that says, "He that hateth his child spareth the rod." The Spirit of God isn't going to deliver your child from all the demons that tempt him and overcome him and cause him to do what he does, by just your praying against the demons, He'll deliver them by leading you by His Spirit to fulfill the Word of God and move in God's Divine Order and revelation for you and how you can deal with the nature in that child that leaves him open to the temptation of those demons. And that Divine Order revelation is: He that spareth the rod, hateth his child. You can pray and pray and pray for your child for God to deliver him from all the demons tempting him to do this and that and if you pray in faith, all the demons that are working on him will go away, but they will come back again in five

minutes. Whatever demons that have gotten into him will go out if you pray in faith, and they will come back in again 30 minutes later, because you have just dealt with the spirit itself.

You haven't done a thing about what was in the child's nature which leaves him open for the demons to come inside or to tempt him from the outside. That is why I see parents who go this route, who have now discovered that it is not their child's fault that he does those things. That old dirty devil tempted him to do it. Or those old dirty demons are making him do it, and they pray and pray and pray, "Jesus, drive those old dirty demons away from my child," and they bring him to a deliverance ministry to get them to deliver him from them and so forth. They never lay the belt on them, they never lay the paddle on their children, they never deal with that which is in his nature which causes him to have not the slightest concern about what the demons do to him. They have no desire to resist them whatsoever and leave him completely open to the demons all the time. Prayer can drive the demons away from him for 5 minutes but only the Divine Order plan for dealing with that nature that's within him which can respond to the temptation of the demons will save him, deliver him from that nature that in itself is rebellious even against you, his father and mother and against God, his Eternal Father and Mother, even if there weren't any demons. The fallen nature, the old Adam nature, nature that is the very same kind of nature the demons have.

The demons can't make him any worse than he is, they can only help him be a little worse than he is. The demons can't make him any more rebellious than he is. They can only strengthen that rebellious nature he already has; rebellious against you and against God, from the day he was born. Desiring to be the only one in the whole wide world. Moving in his individualism, not recognizing that he is born a part of a unit, a family whole, and he is not the whole family, he's not the cock of the walk. Oh, how many parents help him to enlarge that idea; from the time he is 3 days old,

he's the cock of the walk. Instead of starting when he's 3 days old breaking him loose from that idea. He's born selfish, he's born screaming out, he's born caring less that he can wake up mother 14 times during the night with his screaming and hollering whether he really needs anything or not. And how many parents I know across the world who need to be taught this.

This is the category that thousands and thousands of parents, particularly spiritual parents are walking in. I'm gonna fight FOR my child not fight WITH him. You'll never save him that way. The anointing of the Spirit of God is given to you not to fight for your child, but to fight WITH THAT WHICH IS IN HIM. How do I know? Because God showed me a long time ago that that's the only way I'm ever going to deliver my spiritual children in my ministry to them. Not by fighting for them, but fighting with them. In my ministry of the Word of God, to grow up my spiritual children that God has ordained to bring into my own ministry, the one thing that God has shown me is that I don't have to fight the world for them, I have to fight with them. When I say fight, I'm always speaking in the Spirit, not the carnal fighting of this world, but warring in the Spirit. The world could care less about my ministry, the world could care less about what I'm doing. The world isn't trying to persecute me yet. It hasn't been for years. The world isn't resisting the Word I preach, they don't even know I'm preaching. They're going on in their games out there, they don't even know I'm in this barn today. There is something in my spiritual children that resists the anointing that's in me. I have to be stronger in the Spirit that's in me than they are in the spirit that is sometimes working in them, in order to deliver them. I have to be stronger in the nature I'm moving in than they are in the nature they are sometimes moving in, to deliver them.

So get that principle settled in your heart and this is where 99% of the parents, the world, the church, I don't know if the percentage is quite so great in the move of God, but a great

percentage in the move of God are failures. They don't have what it takes to DAILY, CONSISTENTLY, HOURLY, fight the battle WITH their children. The kids whip them but forty ways from Sunday, every time they turn around. They don't have what it takes to stand in that they proclaim to their child. They say, "If you don't stop doing this, I'm going to do that," and they say it forty times in one day. And the kid knows they are lying in their teeth, he's already discovered they aren't going to do it. So he doesn't pay the slightest bit of attention cause he's got discernment too, and the spirit that's leading him has discernment and he discerns that that weakness is there and he just lets them go on and play their little game and does what he wants to anyway. Because it's too much of a bother to them to daily fight that battle with what is in their child. They'd rather be off in a meeting somewhere hearing some preacher preaching and shouting glory to God or be out getting some souls saved or something like that. That's more fun. That's more glory than the day by day struggling it out to save that child from what's in his own being. To deal not with the spirits alone that are tempting him. Fine, if he's so bound, if he's babbling like an idiot, or if he's so bound up that he can't resist the spirits that are tempting him, then cast them out. Pray for him, cast them out, they'll go if you speak the word of faith; but as soon as you get the last one out, if you don't then start dealing with that which is in his nature so that one day he can resist himself, instead of you resisting them for him. So that one day he will have the incentive, the desire, the purpose to resist them himself, to overcome them himself, instead of you resisting them for him. They'll be back in 30 minutes, later he'll be doing the same things, and you'll have not done anything at all, just start the process over again. You'll be like one of the preachers who has a church and thinks he's supposed to deliver his own spiritual children from all the spirits of lust, jealousy, and everything. He always gets them in the chair, clamps hands on them, praying for the same Christians, and he'll deliver them from

the same demons month after month and so forth. How much of that is going on! People sitting one another in chairs and clamping hands on their head, and get out you dirty devil and delivering their fellow Christians from demons over and over again, week after week and they all end up with the idea that nobody is supposed to resist the devil. When you see something working in you, you are to just jump in the chair and get all the rest of the body to resist him for you.

Now, God has a Divine plan for your dealings with your children, with what is in their nature, that can grow him up to the point where his nature has been so changed and the true nature of Christ made so strong in him that he himself can overcome the flesh, the world, and the devil, which are the outside enemies. And then you will have preserved your child's life. And it is that Divine Order Plan I want to share with you this morning.

The first step is to realize that just as Jesus is the Pattern Son, God is the Pattern Father, and therefore if you as parents want to know how you should raise your children, go back to the Word of God and let the Spirit of God show you the Divine Order Pattern by which the Pattern Father has been raising His children. Because the life that you are called to raise your children to is the same life that the Pattern Father is purposed to raise His children to. That Divine Plan begins at Mt. Sinai, not at Mt. Zion. God didn't start dealing with His children at Mt. Zion. He started dealing with them at Mt. Sinai. Mt. Zion is the mount we have come to, the temple of the Lord on Mount Zion. The grace of God and the Revelation that we'll come to under the covenant of grace. That is all in Heb. 12. Paul says we haven't come to Mt. Sinai the mount that old Israel came to that was billowing with black smoke and fire, and couldn't be touched, and the voice of hard commandments; a voice so hard that they that heard it couldn't stand it. But you have come to Mt. Zion in this New Testament age. Mt. Zion was the hill in Jerusalem, not a mount way back in Egypt. This

was the hill in Jerusalem where the temple of the Lord rested. That is where we who are in Christ have come to, too. The Body of Christ, the Jesus, it was the temple of the Lord and the revelation of Jesus and of Sonship, and that we are the temple of the Lord but God didn't start dealing with His children at Mt. Zion; He started them off at Mt. Sinai under the law. He didn't start dealing with them before a lovely hill with a beautiful temple on it, He started dealing with them before a mount with billowing smoke and flaming fire and a hard, harsh voice, and a blasting trumpet and hard commandments, because He knew His children were so depraved, that that was the way He had to start dealing with them. He didn't reveal Himself to them when He first started dealing with them, as a lovely, beautiful temple on Mt. Zion, and a beautiful kingdom where Israel had become the wealthiest and most powerful people in the whole world. But the king who was in the midst of Israel had more wisdom than any man that ever had come forth in this world, and his name was Solomon; speaking of the King that is in our midst today, that has more wisdom than anybody. He revealed Himself to them when they were children as a mountain, a great big mountain, with billowing smoke and flaming fire and blasting trumpets and a hard, harsh voice that they could barely stand and hard commandments.

And what I am trying to get over to you is, the reason He did so was because He knew His children would spit in His eye if He would have revealed Himself to them in just grace, love, mercy, and truth, as He did 2,000 years later in and through Jesus Christ, the temple of the Lord on Mt. Zion. They were born depraved, born of a fallen, Adam nature. They were born there in Egypt of mothers and fathers who were the Israel of God, the children of God, the chosen of God, yes, but depraved. The fallen Adam nature, wicked. They could no more respond to grace, love, and truth than a fish can eat corn instead of worms. Therefore if you are wise, you will start dealing with your child at Mt. Sinai, the law and not at Mt. Zion. You see Beloved, it was no sense

for God to sit down with Israel and deal with them through grace, and say to them, "children, this is what you ought to do because it will produce life. It is the better way to live, the better way to life, it will bring forth life in you:" putting motivation in front of them. They couldn't do it. It wasn't in their nature to do it, they weren't ready to do it, they weren't capable of doing it. Even if they wanted to do it, but they weren't even capable of wanting to do it, they couldn't have done it. They had something in them that was born in them, that God had to make laws that they shouldn't even have sex relationships with an animal, a beast, a pig, a cow. He couldn't put the motivation in front of them and teach them this is the right thing to do to produce life. He had to give them the law, and put their motivation for doing it behind them. As brother Frank Lopez says, "We are here, that the ministry give God's adult spiritual children the New Testament five-fold ministry. Let the parents give their children, their natural children the Old Testament five-fold ministry on the back side of the desert - this five fold ministry (the hand)."

And so you, when your children are first born, they are born with a fallen nature, with an old Adam nature. There is something in them that can even respond to the temptation to have illicit relationships with animals. You say, "Oh Brother Fife, that is a little too much, my child could never do that, my child could never be tempted to do that." You want to bet? I have children brought to me across the country. I know a little more about the fallen nature perhaps than you, if you would say that. We are only just now beginning to discover what is in that fallen nature that I was born with, that you were born with, that your child was born with. All we have to do is look in ourselves, who love God, who want to do the will of God, with all our hearts, and see what we have to fight against sometimes, the thoughts that come to us, to know that Brother Fife knows what he is talking about.

And so, it was useless for God to sit down and teach his children the truth about what they ought to do because it will

produce life, and put the motivation for doing it in front of them just for the joy of seeing that it would produce life. He had to make laws for them 1, 2, 3, - 10. Thou shalt not do this, and thou shalt do that, there they are in Exodus, 10 of them. And a lot of others, small ones, the statutes and judgments in Israel, and then he had to put the penalty behind it, the whip, for them breaking the rules and so it is with your child, that is where you must start. Start them with the law; that is the only thing he understands. He was born with a fallen nature, 3 years old, 4 years old, and up, until you have brought him to Christ, until he has been changed, until he is regenerated, recreated, until the inner man of the Spirit is brought forth in him, the Spirit of God dwells in him, then he can understand a word of truth of God's Word except one; you are lost little one and you need a Savior. All the deep truths that we are teaching, how to have life, until that inner man of the Spirit is born, you are wasting your time trying to teach them to him. You are dealing with another world, another man. Just keep him ever conscious that he is lost and needs a Savior. Explain that to him in all its ramifications, try to give him understanding to it, try to break through to his mind why he needs atonement. Keep that truth ever before him, while you're keeping him under the law. God gave Israel the law to reveal to them their helplessness, not because they could keep it perfectly, but to keep them ever conscious of a Righteousness that must be fulfilled and that we are going to suffer if we don't fulfill it. God whipped Israel for breaking laws sometimes when He knew the law they broke they couldn't keep. He knew they couldn't keep it before He gave it to them and yet He whipped them for breaking it. How many parents say to me, I don't want to whip my child and keep whipping him. He can't do what I have told him to do. It is too hard for him. The rule and the law I have made for him is too hard for him and I just don't want to keep beating him. I beat him and beat him and beat him, and still he keeps on doing it. He can't keep that law. I better stop beating him and starting

praying for him." No. You better keep whipping him, every time he breaks it to keep him ever conscious that there is a Righteousness that must be fulfilled and that he is going to suffer every time he doesn't fulfill it, whether he can fulfill it or not, so that one day he can be conscious that he needs a Savior to help him fulfill it. That is the purpose of whipping him. That is the purpose for which God often whipped Israel for breaking a law which He knew they couldn't keep. Not necessarily to bring them to the point that they could keep it, but to break through to them the revelation that there is a Righteousness that must be fulfilled and we are going to suffer every time we fail to fulfill it. We can not excuse ourselves for not fulfilling it, we can not escape that suffering by excusing ourselves for not fulfilling it. The only way we can escape it is through suffering when we don't fulfill it and becoming aware that we need a Saviour to help us to fulfill it. How many understand what I just said? If you do, the devil will never be able to come to you and deceive you that because you whip your child again and again and he still ends up doing what he does, that you will get all sympathetic and let up. If you do it to just give him the message that he will suffer whenever he breaks God's law, it will one day break through to him that he can't do it and he better look for some help or look for some Divine Provision that he may someday keep it. And it is far better for you to give him the message that he is going to suffer every time he breaks the law, then you will not give in to him and leave it to the demons of hell out there to give the message the hard way. That is the reason for it. The child is born with a fallen nature that can't respond, will not respond, will not resist the devil, has no desire to resist the devil, has no purpose to resist the devil, has no incentive for resisting the devil. You must give him an incentive for resisting the devil. And the only incentive that he understands is that one (spanking). The fear of his father. Several years ago, a woman came into the move of God and sat under my teachings on demonology and finally got some truth in her

and discovered (she had come out of a Baptist church - you know those Baptists don't believe the devil is real; they tell you they do, but they don't) and so she discovered that demons are real and she came to me and said, "Now I believe I understand what is the matter with my child." She had a boy about 5 years old and said, "I have never understood what is the matter with him and now I understand." Every time I start to correct him for his meanness and foolishness, even with just the word, he will fall down on the floor and start screaming and hollering and throwing a temper fit, and all that, particularly if he is at my mother-in-law's house, who is quite certain I don't know how to raise my children anyway. If I dare to correct him in her presence, he will pitch a good one. He will fall down and beat his head against the floor and then she is really quite sure that I am a failure at raising him." And I told her she was right: the child had a demon problem and I told her how to deal with it. First, sit down and carefully explain to your child that his problem is demons. And this is right. You don't give them a law without explaining to them why. You don't just give them a law and say don't do this and do that. Explain to him the whole mystery of what it is about, as you do. And you don't just give them the law without praying for them daily, that God would give them understanding and one day break them through to Christ. I told her, the way you do it is sit down and explain in a language the child can understand, that this is a demon spirit that gives him this tremendous urge to fly into a temper fit every time somebody crosses his will and that if he really wants to he can resist this tremendous urge whenever it comes upon him. Resist this demon spirit if he really tries hard enough and really wants to. The problem is that he hasn't wanted to bad enough up to now. And after you explain it to him, tell him if he doesn't resist it

when you correct him, you will really pour it on. Give him the only incentive he understands. And then be faithful to your word. The next time he doesn't resist it, and I assure

you he won't. I assure you right now that he won't, just because you explained it to him, that old Adam nature of his and the demon that tempts him will test you and test you to see if you break before he does. Then pour it on, and the next time after that, if he doesn't resist it, then pour it on, and so on, until he gets the message. Any doctor will tell you, the pain and pleasure method. Until he gets the message that if you don't resist the devil, you will suffer for it, it is as simple as that. That is the way our Father God deals with us. That is why He leaves sickness, pain, suffering, everything else, demons, in the human experience up to now, just to finally get over the message somehow, that if we don't do what the Bible says, resist the devil, we are going to suffer for it every time. Well, it only took once with him. The first time he didn't resist it, and started yielding to it, flew into it, she poured it on. The second time he started his foolishness and she gave him the word of correction, and he started into it, she just pointed her finger at him and said, "All right, Scott, you know what you are going to get if you yield to that spirit again." And he tightened up and resisted it, and defeated it; and God through his preacher and his mother delivered him from the demon. Through the five-fold ministry on the backside of the desert. Through the Old Testament five-fold ministry.

Now the second aspect is, you've heard the doctors say, don't whip your child, you'll put fear in him. And I don't want my child to fear me, I want him to love me. You better first teach him to fear you or you'll never have him love you; he'll hate you all the days of your life. Let me say that again. You better teach him first to fear you or he'll never love you, he'll hate you all the days of his life. The Bible says the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. It's not the end of wisdom; the end of wisdom is to love God. God first taught His children to fear Him, so that one day they would love Him. Every one of us came to God and got saved because we had sense enough to fear Him. We were scared we'd go to hell. We didn't have an ounce of love for Him and we

didn't really know that He had much love for us. The only revelation we had was that there was a hell out there, and there is, and because we didn't have sense enough to fear God, God really gave us a good revelation of hell. We come to God through fear, and we get saved and we get our nature changed. The only thing the old Adam nature understands is fear. That is the only reason you'll do anything - for fear of consequences. He can't do anything through love - he doesn't have love in him, just self and selfishness. The only thing he can respond to is fear. That's why there is war and strife and why the anti-Christ system is still using wars and strife's to get other segments of humanity to obey their will. The spirit that leads them knows that there is only one thing the old Adam nature will respond to and that's fear. And therefore, God had to put fear in His children in order to bring them to the point where they could one day love Him. They weren't capable of loving in the fallen state they were in. And brother, He really poured the fear into them, have you ever heard the old saying, "Put the fear of God in them?" We come to Him in fear and after we get saved and we grow up, we begin to get a revelation of His true nature and we discover after we have grown in Him that we don't have to fear Him, that He is a God of love and we never really needed to fear Him. So the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom, not the end of wisdom. The end of wisdom is the love of God. But fallen man doesn't have enough sense to fear God, he's an idiot. That's all he is. He's an idiot if he doesn't have enough sense to fear God. Even right now in this stage of our growth, there is a problem with Christians today. They don't have enough Godly Fear. They have been preached a granddaddy God that has a long beard. The love of God, the love of God; there has been such an over-balance of the love of God that they have lost sight of the fact that they are dealing with a HOLY GOD, an AWESOME GOD. And only in this move of God are God's people being brought back to the recognition of the AWESOME HOLINESS of His nature and of a God that is a Consuming

Fire. They are not going to get to glory by crawling up on His knee and twinking His beard like a little child and saying, "Daddy give me this and daddy give me that." But only by having every ounce of their flesh nature consumed by the fire of His own Holiness, until it is done away with and they are also Holy. You only begin to get a little wisdom when you begin to fear your Eternal Father and your child will only begin to get a little wisdom when you, his father, have planted fear of his father in him. Until that time he is an idiot. He can go to school and do 2+2 and so forth and so on, but from the standpoint of God's true definition of wisdom, he's an idiot, when he doesn't have sense enough to fear his father. And if he doesn't fear his natural father, he won't fear his Eternal Father. So all this junk that doctors have placed in humanity's mind; don't put fear in your child, etc., is just that, junk. Straight from the pits of hell, planted by demon spirits. The generation of the young people that we see in the world today is for the most part a bunch of maniacs, sex maniacs.

Now the revelation is to just put enough fear in them to do the job. That's what God did. The only revelation that old Israel got of God was not the revelation of the loving Father that you and I have, that was given 2,000 years ago when He came in Jesus and He revealed His true nature. The revelation that God gave the children when He brought them before Mt. Sinai wasn't this. They had never heard the name Father applied to God. And they never did hear the name Father applied to God until Jesus Christ stepped out into the world and for the first time called God Father, and so shocked them that they wanted to crucify Jesus for doing so. God had to deal with them until He had brought forth a remnant who could understand, a remnant whose hearts had been softened. But He had first revealed Himself to them as a great mountain with blasting trumpets, billowing smoke and flaming fire. A hard, harsh voice that was so hard that they could hardly stand it. They said, "Moses, don't let Him

talk to us. We can't stand it; you go up and talk to Him." Commandments that were hard, laws, to put fear in them.

And for 2,000 years that was the only revelation that Israel got of God. They didn't think of God as a loving Father as you and I do. He hadn't revealed Himself as that. Only with the coming of Jesus did He reveal Himself as that. Their concept of God was of some big something that was up there that if you did what He said He'd bless you and if you didn't do what He said, you were going to get it. They had no revelation of grace or the loving side of God's nature because they couldn't have responded to that. Their own nature couldn't have responded to that but only to fear and to the law. For 2,000 years that was the only way they knew Him. That was what they needed for their good, to deal with them. And slowly, as God kept them under the law and dealt with them through fear, He began to reveal truth to them. You don't just give them the law. Slowly as you've got them under the law, as God did for 2,000 years, you start trying to reveal truth to them. A prophet here, a David, who would begin to get a glimpse of a God of grace.

One segment of humanity would suddenly begin to get the message. Though you're punished through the law for what you do, yet God loves you and He'll forgive it and put it aside and so when David had fallen in this thing with Bathsheba in adultery, when he went back and prayed his great prayer of repentance in Psalm 51 he said, "God, now I have suffered. Now I've been chastised, now forgive me, not according to my works, but according to your tender mercies." He began to get a glimpse of a God of grace far beyond his contemporaries. "God, now I've been chastised, now I've got the message through my chastisement. I've seen myself as I am because you laid the whip on when I broke your law. Now, restore unto me the joy of Thy Salvation. Create in me a clean heart. Renew in me a right spirit." The law and the five-fold ministry on the backside of the desert began to get through to David. He began to realize that he needed something, some help, some Divine

Provision, so that he could fulfill the will of his Father. He began to cry out for it. He was brought to it through the law.

And so God actually kind of deceived His children about His true nature for 2,000 years for their own good when He revealed Himself as a hard, harsh mountain and billowing smoke which they didn't dare touch, because He was never really like that. He just kind of deceived His children about His true nature for their own good until He could grow them up to where He could reveal His true nature to them. And then when He did, when they were ready, He came in Jesus and He said, "I'm not like that at all. I'm a loving Father."

Even when He has a prodigal son who takes all he has and spends it in the hog pit, and comes back and feels so condemned and so unworthy and says "I'm not worthy to be a son, just let me be a servant." After he has learned his lesson, God is ready to take him in. God lets him go and lets him suffer but all the time His heart was breaking for him. All the time he was still His son. When he comes back, God doesn't grab the whip anymore and beat him for what he's done because he has learned his lesson. Now He just says, kill the fatted

calf, bring forth the robe of Sonship and bring forth the ring of Sonship and put it on his hand. God tells him, "No, I don't want you to be my servant, I have enough servants. But this my son is alive again." So humanity had been brought to the place where the whip was no longer needed and the law was no longer needed. He came in Jesus and said, "I'm not like that now." Humanity, His children, had come to the point where they no longer needed the whip and the law. They came to the place where they could respond to a Father's love. They had not been at that point before. God said He was a loving Shepherd who if "I've got 99 sheep in the fold and yet if there's one out there lost, I can't rest. I can't have any peace. I have to search and seek until I find that one. And from here on out, when I find him, he doesn't need the whip anymore; he's come to the point where he can respond to a Father's love. I don't whip him anymore for foolishly

straying out of the fold but I tenderly take him on my shoulder, tend his wounds, take him home and I'm so full of joy, that the one thing I want to do is have a party and have all my friends rejoice with me that I've found my lost sheep." And so you see, God kind of deceived His children about His nature for 2,000 years. When you teach Christians that, it's a hard concept for them to get a hold of. God would ever deceive anybody? But He is Sovereign. He'll do what He wants to do.

God gave me this revelation many years ago, and that's the way I brought up my own daughter. I laid down the laws for her, 1, 2, 3, 4, etc. As a young Baptist preacher I didn't have all the deep revelation I have now but I had this one. And I put the whip behind them and for twenty years I deceived her about her father's nature for her own good. When she'd break my rules, I'd take my belt and I'd come at her. She had the same idea about her natural father that some of my spiritual children in the ministry have about their spiritual father. She thought I was hard. Sometimes I'd take my belt and I'd come at her, from her standpoint as a little girl, like I was going to eat her up. But then I'd always sit down and carefully explain to her what rule she had broken and why she was going to get it, and that if she broke the rule again, she was going to get it again, and again, and again. And then I'd take my belt and I'd lay it on. And I didn't get upset, it didn't shake me a bit like all the foolish parents today, that there were red welts on her little back end when I got through. And there were. They always go away. Better to have red welts on her backend than to have scars on her soul throughout all eternity. She's 23 years old now and she hasn't suffered a bit from the welts. There aren't any scars left from them. And also, she's 23 years old now and though her mother and I fought many battles with her down the road, she's still walking in God. God is preparing her to go to the mission field in South America one day; the call of God is on her life. She moves in the Spirit, prophecy comes forth through her, gifts of the Spirit come forth. Don't

misunderstand me now; don't say brother Fife is setting up his child as the model of perfection. She still has her temptations and her battles and I still have to fight them through with her.

But some of the members in my church back there when I was young and she was 9, 10, and 11 years old, they thought I was just an old meany because I wouldn't let her sit in front of the television all the time and wouldn't let her go to the movies with their daughters. In a Baptist church, of course you don't have much chance of getting parents to teach their kids to give up movies, and I didn't waste too much time fighting with them over it. Somehow I had discernment it was wasting time back there on that level and I didn't let mine go. Now don't get the idea that I'm a legalist. I didn't go to movies and I don't go now, and I didn't have a TV and I don't have one now. Not because I'm a legalist and it's a black sin in the sight of God to go to a movie, but because I don't have time for it. It is a waste of time. It will fill your soul and your mind with a bunch of frivolous natural garbage which has no profit whatsoever in God. And I don't do it because I don't have time for it, and you don't have time for it either. Some of you don't know it yet, but you don't. That's the only reason for not doing it. Not because it's a black sin to own a TV or go to the movies, but just because whosoever belongs to the Lord Jesus Christ doesn't have time for it. You see, all the devil has to get from you to have your soul and your body is your time He doesn't have to have you in the bar rooms drunk and doing things that are black sins. He doesn't have to have you committing adultery to keep you always under his rulership and under his bondage and keep you sick, afflicted and defeated. All he has to do is to get you using your time doing things which themselves are not sinful at all, but they are also not profitable. All he has to do is to get you using your time sitting before the TV, going to a movie, getting yourself stirred up over some dreamy, dramatic unreality which doesn't even exist. Time that you could be using feeding on the Word of God, praying,

ministering life to someone else, living in Him, moving completely out of this natural world where you have no need for natural pleasures, and he has got you. He'll keep you forever sick, forever defeated, forever under his rulership, forever under his bondage. I'm not a legalist, I don't make any laws for the people of God saying you can't have a TV. After I've taught you this truth, I can come to your house and see you sitting before it, and don't do like so many have done, they get all excited because brother Fife is here, "I better run in the kitchen and get away from the TV." I won't put you under condemnation. I could care less. After I've taught you the truth my responsibility ends. I can come in and love you and talk to you and be just as free. It doesn't bother me a bit. Not nearly as bad as it would you, probably. If anybody fights against legalism, it's Bro. Fife. I'm out to destroy it. Grace and truth is what I'm interested in. And the truth is, if you spend one hour watching TV or a movie, etc.; that you could have used feeding on the Word of God, then you've sinned all right, you've sinned against your own soul. There were parents in my church back there that thought I was a real meany because I wouldn't let my daughter go to the movies when they took their daughters. And at least one who fought it the most and didn't hesitate to let everybody in the church know they fought it; their daughter ended up bearing an illegitimate child and suffering much through it before she got married. And by the grace of God we were able to bring our daughter past that one and she is still walking with God. Their daughter isn't even walking with God today. And, come to think of it, neither are they. And so I put the fear of Daddy in her and for about 18 years she thought her dad was hard. Now she knows better; now she knows that I was only doing like Father God did, kind of deceiving her for her own good, dealing with her through the law.

Now there is one more great truth that fits in with this. My wife will tell you, though I whipped her every time she broke the law, I never did it when I was out of the Spirit

myself. I never did it when I was angry with her. The one or two times that she got to me, and got me angry about what she had done, I would tell her to go to the bathroom and wait for me until I came in. And then if it took me 30 minutes, I'd get down on my knees until I got back in the Spirit of God and I could discipline her for her own good; not just take my frustration and anger out on her. And of course, that 30 minutes waiting in the bathroom did a greater work than anything else. There was a method in that madness, too. Then when I'd come in and explain things to her, and lay it on, I'd be so free of anger, so calm, that in all her gyrations that she'd go through as I would lay it on her, sometimes I couldn't help but laugh. I had to overcome that because she thought I was laughing at her and that would make her mad.

You see, parents don't discipline their children consistently, for their own good, and calmly. One elder in the Dallas body has a real revelation on this, particularly when they are small. He sits down and gathers them in his arms and draws them to his breasts, puts his cheek up to theirs and then takes the paddle and lays it on them. They are getting a real revelation of the love of God. **The true love of God.** Not this wishy-washy thing that never gives a hard word or hard line. He perhaps makes mistakes in other areas, but his children show a real work of God.

The average parent tells their child forty times that they are going to spank them if they don't stop doing what they are doing, but they never do it and finally when it gets so bad that it is driving them crazy and they are falling apart themselves, and they are frustrated and out of the Spirit, then they grab them and whale the tar out of them and they are not disciplining their child for their own good, they are only taking their own lack of union with God out on them and the child can discern that and he'll hate you for it, until some day, some way, God breaks through to him. You don't have to fall for that psychological garbage that if I beat my child he will hate me. If you do it the right way, if you don't whip him he will hate you. You are turning him over to the

demons that can take his life down the road, and his life will go down the road and when it is over and he is suffering terribly, he will blame you for it. I have seen it happen again and again; "Why didn't my father and mother take a stand against me? If they had I wouldn't be in this mess."

I know a true story too, about a dear old mother who was like mine, a mother who always fought for her boys and never fought with them. I know dozens of them. I better tell two stories. One is about the mother who finally saw her son in prison facing the electric chair. She went down to bid him her last good-by. She put her face close to the bars trying to show her love for him, which was the weak, flesh love, and he bit her nose off and spit it out. He said if it hadn't been for her, he wouldn't be there. There is the story of a precious mother who had a boy and when he was a child, she never made him pay the price for not resisting the devil, but she always paid it for him herself. When he would get into trouble as a boy, neighbors would come to her with what he had done and so forth, and she would make it right. She would pay them off. She would never discipline him, she would take the brunt of it. He got to be a teenager and started writing bad checks, stealing things, and she would always go and pay for it and make the check good. She'd go to the judge and beg him off and pay for what he stole. He became a homosexual, filled with homosexual spirits and had to write more bad checks to carry him along in that life; and she'd always pay them off. Dear old mother working her heart out, spending her money.

The problem was that she was just a natural mother, his father was just a natural father, and he didn't have any real spiritual father and his mother didn't either. She didn't have a preacher that would preach her the truth. Finally she brought him to me to cast demons out of him. At that time he was 30 or 35 years old. We cast a bunch of demons out of him and I let him travel with me for a month, giving him every opportunity, sitting under the best Word, the best teaching, the best fellowship with the saints at all times, day

and night, pouring truth in him. I pounded at him, "You need to spend your days on your knees in prayer. You're traveling with me, I'm paying all your expenses, you don't have to work. You need to spend your days down on your knees crying out to God to give you the strength to resist these things. And you need to spend your time in the Word." But he didn't. I would be down praying during the day, writing letters or reading the Word; he'd be over on the bed sleeping. He had never had to pay the price himself for not resisting the devil. Therefore he didn't think it was too serious. Somebody else would always pay it for him. After a period of time he finally stole \$ 1,000 out of my wife's purse that I had been saving to go to a ministry on the mission field in South America for months from what God had given to me. He slipped away and took a plane to New York City, went down on the homosexual row and frittered it away. A few days later he called his mother to send him a plane ticket to get home. He came back home. I came back from South America and sat down with his mother, and said, "Now here it is, his problem: I can cast these homosexual demons out of him 1000 times and they will come back. His problem is that you have paid the price for him all his life. He has never had to pay the price for not resisting the devil. You, his mother have always paid it for him. He has never learned the lesson, that if you don't resist the devil, you are going to suffer for it. You have always done the suffering for him." People, you can get overboard on this business of doing the suffering for other members of the Body of Christ. You can get overboard on your delivering the other members of the Body of Christ of all their demons. You can get overboard on this business of YOU getting a healing for all the members of the Body of Christ forever. There is a balance. Back to the mother. "The only way you are ever going to help him, for him to be delivered is for you to take your hands off; you tell him from here on out, he can't stay with you, he has to go out and get himself a job, go to work, you are not going to pay him out of trouble anymore, you are

not going to give him any more money. And if he gets himself in trouble again, he is going to pay the full price himself, and then stick it out. Stick with it. For until he learns and pays the price just once himself in suffering for not resisting the devil, he will never be delivered. He will never have the incentive to resist these demons." Well she said, "Amen, Brother Fife, I will do it." And she tried in her weak way. But he got to her after awhile. You know how it works. He pushed, pressed, tested that weak mother love to the breaking point. She finally started giving him money again, and about eight or nine months ago, she called me and he had just been sentenced to ten years in prison. This one she couldn't pay for him, he had to pay it. I went down to the jail the day before they sent him away to prison, and sat down and talked to him, and I said, "NOW God will deliver you. When you are up there in the prison, for once in your life, paying the price yourself, suffering yourself for not resisting the devil instead of your mother doing it all of your life. And God finally breaks the truth to you that everybody will suffer when they don't resist the devil, every time they don't resist the devil. And then when you have made up your mind that when you get out of prison (he had been saved a long time before), that you're going to walk with God, that you are going to trust God to give you the strength, that you're going to resist the devil every step of the way. You finally, absolutely have made up your mind that you're going to, then you get on your knees and pray and God will deliver you out of prison. No matter what kind of miracle that would have to be performed, when this message has gotten through to you and you mean business with God, then God will deliver you."

And so put the fear of natural father in first. Just enough that they get the message. I don't by any means mean the drunken beast father fear that he puts in his child when he comes home and beats them half to death. Being led by the Spirit of God, begin as a baby that consistent discipline. Put the fear of his father in him until he grows up to the point

that he no longer needs it. Then you can move into the grace realm, dealing with him through grace as God. There's one other factor here. Be consistent. Be consistent. Now many parents in the move of God today who have children who are teenagers already; seventeen, eighteen years old, all you can do with them now is take your hands off and hold as much authority over them as you can and leave the rest in the hands of God. Pray for them, pray for them. Father God will take over and he'll start disciplining them, but when He does it, don't let it upset you. When it gets rough for them, give them the truth every time you can to guide them in the right way. He won't let anymore than necessary come upon them. But you who are fortunate to have little ones that you can start, you can keep them under your authority. Hold them under your authority.

And above all, don't ever fall for that garbage that you shouldn't FORCE them to come to the meeting and sit under the Word of God. You should! You better force them to be in every service. As long as they will yield to your authority in the law and you can force them. Because you can be sure the devil has got 1000 ways out there by which he is going to be trying to force them to sit under his teachings and his meetings. The juke box, the comic books, rock and roll music and all those teachers that the devil has out there pour their doctrine into him. And any idea that's presented to you that if you do the same that it will drive him away when he gets old enough and doesn't have your authority is strictly a lie from the pit too.

Nothing changes the Word of God: "Bring up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." You'll plant something in him that no matter if he does go away for awhile, he'll never get away from it. That's a lie that Satan's been using to scare God's people for centuries. He takes a bunch of parents who really weren't brought up in the way they should go, and they run out and say, "I was forced to go to church when I was a child and therefore I'm not going now." Even if they fail to do it right, if they kept

them there, they planted something in them they'd never get away from. And I've always seen those come back. There is a respect for the Word of God they never get away from. One says, "Well, no use teaching my child at 3 years old to sit in the meetings for four hours, he can't understand. You should give it to him at home, if he's saved, on a level he can understand; but your making him sit in the meetings for four hours may not give him an understanding of what is being preached, but it will work in him a respect for God and a discipline in his life. It will teach him that it is not true that he can't do so. He doesn't have to yield to his little fleshy tendencies to run and yell, scream, and play every hour of his life. And it will work in him just what God wants to work in him by doing that. And if the Spirit leads you the way it did one of the elders in our body in Miami whose husband gave his life for the gospel. She had to raise her two boys alone. It will really get this message over to you. Her oldest boy had this habit of jumping up and running to the bathroom 2 or 3 times during the service. She told him, "From now on you go to the bathroom before the service." She told him two or three times and he didn't. And the Spirit of God led her to move in such a way that he got the message. One day he didn't go and right in the middle of the service he told her he had to go to the bathroom, and she just said, "I'm sorry, I told you to go before service and you didn't do it." He said, "But mama!" She said, "I'm sorry." And he really did have to go. She just went on and listened to the message. Pretty soon, he went. He was about 5 years old and he was embarrassed. But from then on he went to the bathroom before the service. Now don't you go and do that with your child unless the Spirit leads you to do it. I'm not making any rules here. Don't be like a little sister in one of our meetings. She heard me give an illustration of one time when I was casting demons out of a man, and they wouldn't come out any other way, and I was moving in the Spirit and in the Word of Knowledge, and God spoke to me a way to break him was to put my mouth down to his ear and start

screaming "The blood of Jesus, the blood of Jesus," over and over as loud as I could. So I did. I put my mouth down to his ear and screamed, "The blood of Jesus" as loud as I could, and those demons broke and he began to gag and they came out. She sat in that meeting on demonology where I gave this illustration, and a few days later she and her husband were taking a vacation down to Florida, and she was planning to come by and see me. She was one of these who was young and zealous and not quite mature in the wisdom of the Spirit. She got to singing and praising God. Her husband wasn't saved. They were driving along and she was singing and praising God. Now there were probably a few aggravating spirits there but the man was by no means possessed. Finally, she had sung and praised God so much, that he was tired of it. So he asked her to stop that. She decided that it was demons, that she had driven them crazy with her singing and praising, and the way to deal with them was to put her mouth up to his ear and scream the blood of Jesus just as loud as she could. He quickly pulled the car over on the side of the road and said, "That's all right, honey, that's all right. When we get to Miami I'll get you a psychiatrist, and we will put you on a plane." All of a sudden I get a phone call and she said, "He's going to have me committed!" It took me three days to get them straightened out, and to convince him she wasn't crazy. Be led by the Spirit in your use of the law. But put the fear of God in them. Put the fear of their father in them. Just enough.

And here is one more point. If you'll really work at this, start consistently when your child is a baby, when he's about 3 days old, he is just about old enough to start getting the five-fold ministry on the backside of the desert. You're kidding yourself if you think he can't get the message, if you do it right. And do so as long as he needs it. Then when he grows up to the age - and I don't mean the natural age, I mean the spiritual age - and through giving him truth while you're doing it, one day you'll have him born again. And by the way, really wait until you've got him born again. Don't

grab him when he's five or six years old and say, "Now Johnny, accept Jesus, accept Jesus." Don't give him the little wordless book with the four different colors on the page and nothing written on it and go through the wordless route with him and then ask him if he believes in Jesus, and then if he says yes you praise God because your little boy is saved. More children have grown up thinking they were saved when they weren't because their parents took them that route or some preacher took them that route, or some zealous child evangelist or big soul winner took them that route.

I used to have a woman in the church I pastored, in New Orleans. She'd get her wordless book and she'd drive out every day in the week in the neighborhood where I pastored, and she'd park her car where a bunch of children were playing, go through her wordless book route and when she was all done she'd ask them if they wanted to believe in Jesus as their Saviour. You can take a Catholic in New Orleans, there's a million of them there, and every one of them, if you ask them, would say they believed in Jesus. And so the kids would say yes and she would mark them down on her list. Then she would get up in the testimony meeting on Wednesday nights and say, "I thank the Lord, Jesus helped me to win 47 souls this week." And I felt like punching her in the nose. I'd been out sweating all week and could hardly drag one in, and she'd get up and say, "I thank the Lord, Jesus helped me to win 47 souls this week." Everybody knew what the deal was and it'd kill the service deader than a door nail. And I just had to take it; I didn't know how to deal with that kind of demon then like I do now.

Teach them the truth and pray for them and wait for God to do a real work of the Spirit of God in their lives. There's no hurry. If he's 5, 7, 11, 12 keep him under the law, teach him truth. There is no hurry. They are not going to go down to the pits of hell before they can get saved. Here is a truth that some preachers may not have taught you but it is still truth. Until your child grows up to the point where he

himself hears and can understand the Gospel and rejects it himself, having heard it and understood it, and then rejects it; even if he did die, through you he is brought under the covenant of the Lord Jesus Christ. You won't have to worry about him going to hell. If you fail him and he grows to that point where he has heard it and understood it and he continues to reject it, and he reaches the age of responsibility, then he is no longer under the covenant through you. But until that hour he is and if you're faithful to him as he is growing up, to teach him the Word of God, and claim him in prayer before the Lord, even when he reaches that hour, you won't have to worry, God will bring him in. If you've planted those things in his life that ought to be planted, God can bring him in. God will have a wall He can start with and He'll build a house on it. Hallelujah!

And then when they reach that age in the Spirit where, through discernment, you their parent, know they're ready; then you can begin a transition from law to grace, just like God did. And you can start lifting your hand of the law a little at a time. Just because you get them saved, don't take them out from under the law. When you got saved, God didn't take you out from under the law. He kept you under the letter of the Word, the letter of the law and that's all you understood until slowly, you grew in the Spirit to the point where you were ready for Sonship truth and could handle it. Even just now is He taking you out from the letter of the law and some of you still aren't ready to get out yet. You're not out from under the law just because you were born again under grace. You weren't ready to walk in that covenant of grace. He had to keep you under the letter of the law. That's why you didn't get the revelations that we are getting now, when you were first saved. And so your child when he comes to that point, where you can begin the transition from law to grace, start lifting the hand as the Spirit leads. Teach them no longer that this is what you have to do and if you don't you're going to get it, but now, this is what you should do because it will produce life. And then leave them free to

make the wrong or right decision. Don't try to force them anymore. They are now where they can understand, before they couldn't and were forced under the law. But now they are free enough to make a right decision if they want to. This is what you should do because it will produce life. Put their motivation for doing it in front of them instead of behind. And then, if they make the wrong choice after you've told them the truth, let them go and suffer for it and let their Father God begin that discipline, and take over where you can't do anymore.

But you have yet one more responsibility to them. And that is to keep the truth ever before them so that the demons can't cloud their minds so that they can't see the truth and they make the wrong decision. At a certain age, when the Spirit of God told me, that's what I began to do with my daughter. I'll just give you this one parents, if you let them start dating at 13, you'll send them out, deliver them over to the devil. This was the big one with my daughter. "Daddy, what age can I start dating?" The answer was, "When God through the Spirit of discernment shows me that you've reached that maturity of age and wisdom, not in the natural, but in the Spirit, where you can be alone with a young man and conduct yourself as a young lady should in the Spirit, then you can have your first date." "What age is that, Daddy?" "Sixteen?" They'll try to trap you, they'll try to snare you. "No, I don't know what age that is. Only God and you can have anything to do with that, according to how much you give yourself to the Lord. When God shows me through discernment that you've reached that wisdom and that age in the Spirit, then it'll be." And it was. I won't tell you what age it was, you're liable to set a law. Now I don't tell her what to do anymore. I don't make any laws for her at all anymore. She's 23 years old now. She still, however, respects her father's authority.

And that's another thing. Hold your authority over them as long as you possibly can. Don't turn them loose on their own to make their own decisions until the Spirit of God

shows you that they have grown to that spiritual age where they are capable of making the right one if they want to. She still respects my authority enough that if I wanted to I could put the pressure of force on concerning some things and say that she is not going to do it because dad says so and still get away with it. But I don't want to anymore because that's not the leadership of God. Now I let her make every decision. BUT when I see her making the wrong decision, I never fail to tell her. And I never fail to keep telling her. I never give her this thing: "If you're going to stay under my home, and walk with me, you've got to do what I say." But, "As long as you're in dad's presence, I'm going to keep the truth ever before you of the right way. I'm going to tell you again and again and again, even if you don't like to listen to it. I'm going to tell you again, and again, and again." That's not law, you see. That is love.