
WHAT DO ENGAGED PARENTS LOOK LIKE?

- Engaged parents view themselves as the most important influences in their child's heart.
- Engaged parents deal with their own sin before the Lord, and then humbly lead their children to do the same.
- Engaged parents employ compassionate confrontation, and they take responsibility for their children.
- Engaged parents apply and live the truth seven days a week, not just on Sundays.
- Engaged parents target heart transformation, not just behavior modification.
- Engaged parents invest their best energy into marriage and family.
- Engaged parents never lose hope or give up in resignation.
- Engaged parents recognize their ultimate accountability to God as final authority.

Wherefore the Lord God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the Lord saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

1 SAMUEL 2:30

CONCLUSION: _____

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Passionate PARENTING



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Lesson 6: THE ENGAGED PARENT

In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end. For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not. 1 SAMUEL 3:12-13

INTRODUCTION: _____

The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame. PROVERBS 29:15

Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the Lord. Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the Lord: for men abhorred the offering of the Lord. 1 SAMUEL 2:12,17

SEVEN PITFALLS OF PASSIVE PARENTING:

1. DEFER PARENTING AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPEMENT TO _____ AND ENVIRONMENTS.

And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the Lord of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the Lord, were there.

1 SAMUEL 1:3

2. _____ THEIR OWN SIN AND THEIR CHILDREN'S SIN.

Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; and honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people? 1 SAMUEL 2:29

3. AVOID _____ AND RESPONSIBILITY.

...Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the Lord would slay them. 1 SAMUEL 2:25B

4. HAVE THE TRUTH BUT DON'T _____ IT TO THEIR HEART.

And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house?

And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel?

1 SAMUEL 2:27-28

5. FOCUS ON _____ MODIFICATION RATHER THAN TRANSFORMATION.

And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people.

Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear:ye make the Lord 's people to transgress. 1 SAMUEL 2:23-24

6. INVEST HIGH ENERGY INTO PERSONAL _____ AND CAREER, BUT LITTLE ENERGY INTO PARENTING.

If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him:but if a man sin against the Lord, who shall intreat for him?

1 SAMUEL 2:25A

DEFINITION: "intreat"—to pray for, intercede, intervene, or mediate.

7. ULTIMATELY _____ THEMSELVES TO "WHATEVER WILL BE."

And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him.

And he said, It is the Lord:let him do what seemeth him good.

1 SAMUEL 3:18