



Parenting

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- [My wife and I have three young children. I go to work early in the morning and come home at dinnertime. Sometimes I get frustrated when I come home after a long day and it's a disaster. It looks like nothing has been done all day. Am I wrong to expect more from my wife?](#)
- [I am concerned about some things my son is learning in school. He is occasionally taught philosophies or values that go against what we teach at home. Are these just isolated issues or should I be concerned about what he is hearing?](#)
- [I am a mother of two young boys. Our neighbor treats us badly, apparently because we are from a different racial background. She openly treats us different from the other neighbors and I don't know how to explain this to my children. What should I do?](#)
- [My wife and I are in the process of adopting a baby from a different racial background. I've heard reports that growing up in a different ethnic background may not be good for a child. Do you have any ideas about this?](#)
- [My wife and I want to have children but are concerned about overpopulation and the problems in the world today. Is it better that we don't have children?](#)
- [I've heard so many conflicting opinions about punishing children, mainly spanking versus not spanking. Do you have any advice on punishment?](#)
- [There have been a lot of reports lately about families, and how fathers are not really needed. Once babies are conceived are fathers important or are we just fine without them?](#)
- [I read and hear a lot about unhealthy, overweight kids these days. My children are still very young, but I want to start them off right. Does the Bible give guidance on how to raise children to lead a healthy lifestyle?](#)
- [My husband is a godly man. He has worked hard, while I have stayed at home with our two children, ages 15 and 11. We have been financially blessed. My husband now he thinks that the kids are old enough for me to go back to work to pay off our home and be "set for life" in five years. I am willing to sacrifice for my family, but would it sacrifice my family?](#)
- [I've had a troubled life, partially because male relatives molested me when I was young. Now that I have young daughters, those same relatives may be coming to visit. Should I alert my other family members to stop the visit and protect my daughters, or should I let a "sleeping dog lie"?](#)
- [My 10-year-old son is being bullied on the bus. An older boy sits in back and taunts, slaps, and pushes him. I hesitate to intervene, and try to teach my son to handle the problem. What can and should I do as a parent in this situation?](#)
- [Our grown son suffers from severe ADHD. He refuses the recommended counseling and medication, without which he is unemployable. We were told that we would have to help support him, but now we are completely supporting him. Do you have any advice?](#)
- [I see a lot of teenage kids, both male and female, running around with tattoos and pierced ears, noses, etc. It all seems wrong to me, but what does the Bible say about this kind of behavior?](#)
- [Our daughter is in her 40s and has never been married. She has pulled up her roots and is living with an ordained minister—who is still legally married to another woman. She says she's so happy and expects us to accept this situation. What is a biblical response to this situation?](#)
- [We have a 17-year-old son with cerebral palsy. Mentally, he is like a small child. He understands day-to-day issues but not in-depth spiritual issues, such as sin and Jesus' atonement for it. Will God hold Him accountable for not accepting Jesus as his Savior even if he does not understand?](#)

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Somebody once said, "Good fences make good neighbors." You can probably see the wisdom in that. A simple fence, however, will not eliminate the concerns that you have. Furthermore, the impact of their behavior goes far beyond your two homes. This problem affects not only your children, but extends to their children, the other neighbors, and your church.

With regards to your children, hopefully you don't allow them to watch TV with sexually explicit themes; neither should you allow them in a home where they may be confronted with adultery and the suspicious activities that you mention (Romans 13:14). Conversely, you should not build walls and a moat around your home. Your home should be a beacon of Christ's (Romans 13:12). Make it a safe haven for your neighbor's children. You may be the one who keeps them from following the path of their parents (Mark 9:37).

God's Word is also clear regarding confronting other church members. You are obligated to approach them prayerfully and gently, imploring them to turn around for the sake of both themselves and their church (Matthew 18:15-17). Finally, if you have a valid suspicion of illegal activity, you are obligated to inform the police.

You may be in an uncomfortable situation, but shine the light of Jesus Christ. He will guide your way, but sting the eyes of those walking in darkness.

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