

**1 CORINTHIANS 10:11 YLT** And all these things as types did happen to those persons, and they were written for our admonition, to whom the end of the ages did come,

## **The Three Stages of Discipline**

Children go through different seasons of growth, and parents must adapt to them:

### 1. The Age of Unaccountability:

In their early years, children are naturally curious, full of energy, and prone to touching and examining everything. Because their minds are not yet developed to judge good and evil, God does not hold them accountable yet. Parents should allow them to enjoy this season by giving them opportunities to play, burn energy, and get fresh air, rather than placing them in front of a television all day.

### 2. The Teenage Years:

As children grow into adolescence, their bodies and hormones change, and they require a different kind of understanding and privacy. Parents should allow them to enjoy the freedoms of their youth and make memories, while keeping them within the boundaries of Christian life.

When a child misbehaves, parents should follow a three-step process:

- a) Educate the child on why the action is wrong and dangerous;
- b) Offer a strong and sharp rebuke;
- c) If they repeat it, apply discipline using the rod.

## **For Difficult Children:**

If standard discipline isn't working for a highly rebellious child, the prophet advised parents to start a 15-minute prayer meeting with the child every time they act out. They will either quickly straighten up to avoid the prayer meeting, or the prayer will invite God's vital intervention into their life.

Parents must teach their children to be unashamed of the Gospel. Do not teach them that the truth is weak or that they should just "barely make it" through life. Instead, tell them they are "one in a million" and have "apostolic blood" running through them. Raise them to be bold, like David with a sword, and to stand proudly for their faith against a deceptive world.

## Rebekah

### **64-0823M QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.1, JEFF.IN, COD, SUNDAY**

117 I've just went through the experience with my Rebekah. See? Just commit it to God. When she got to be a little "teeannie," and she was going with some girl when we first went out there, going--run over to some girl's house taking music lessons... And this girl... I come by one day, and here this girl was setting there at the piano playing rock-and-roll. Well, that was just enough for me. So I told her stay away from over there. See?

And then she said, "Well, it's the only place I got to go to take music." (You know how "teeannies" get.)

And I said... **Every kid has to go through that. Practically everyone goes through that age. You did; I did. And we got to think their thoughts.**

{Godly parents must teach their children obedience and respect for authority early on, as the parents are the first representatives of God in the child's life. Establishing strict routines, such as a set bedtime, is crucial. It teaches children discipline, time management, and psychological stability.}

119 So then, a few days after that her mother got after her for something, and she sassed her. **Now, that's not Rebekah at all. Took off and**

**slammed the door, almost, and knocked the things off the wall, went to school.** Now, I ought to have, seemingly, just taken my belt off, and

followed her out there in the yard, and brought her back with warps around her. See? **But I thought, "Wait a minute; I got to think eighteen year old**

**thoughts.**" See? "Now," I said, "Mother, I know that..." She started crying, Meda. I said, "I know you done all you can do; I done all I can do. Now, **if it's out of our hands, we have to take the next step.**"

As some lady sweetly wrote the other day (It's in one of these questions here.), said, "Brother Branham, you're not the Messiah, are you?"

I said, "No, ma'am." She said, "We believe you to be our shepherd, but you're always pointing us to the Great Shepherd."

I said, "That's right (See?); that's right." See?

I said, **"Well look, honey, now, you've got to listen to me. It's hard for you to do this; I'm your husband. But people drive across the nations and around for just a few words of advice. Now, if you... I talked to her the other day, and she just walked away from me."**

Mothers must have home Bible studies and instruct their children in the specific promises God has for their generation. Godly parents must instil a sense of divine destiny in their children despite the secular environment they live in. As Jochebed took young Moses on her knee even while living in the heathen house of Pharaoh and instilled in him that he was the one called to deliver Israel, godly parents must instil a sense of divine destiny in their children despite the secular environment they live in.

Even if a home is divided, a godly mother's influence is incredibly powerful. The Bible highlights Timothy, whose father was a Greek unbeliever; yet, because his grandmother Lois and mother Eunice faithfully instructed him in the Scriptures, he grew up to be a great pastor and the right-hand man to the Apostle Paul.

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123 Now, Becky never did do that to me. See? And when her mother said something about it, she slammed the door and say, "You expect me to set here and be a wallflower all my life?" **And blammy, she slammed the door and went out. That was the devil.**

I remember, the first two years of her life she cried. We'd go into a restaurant and eat; I'd walk her on the street while Meda eat, and then she'd walk her while I eat. Just cried and cried. And one day up here in Canada, cried all night, and I couldn't rest and everything, me standing there... Now. And **Something said to me, "It's the devil getting at your ministry."**

**I said, "Hand me that baby."**

I said, "Satan, in the Name of Jesus Christ, you take your hands off of her." She stopped right then and never cried no more. She's the quietest kid I got. From that very hour it was gone. You have to get that...

You have to have that in you though, before you can do it.

And then when she--and then that--she started that. And I took Meda about a hour. **I said, "Meda, take your hands off."**

**"Me? That's my kid."**

**I said, "Isn't it mine too?" All right.** I said, "If she was dying this morning, you'd have to commit her to God for her eternal destination. Why can't we commit her to God now for her earthly journey?"

And she said, "Well, that's my kid."

I said, "It's mine too."

I said, "Now, can you take your..."

"Me not say nothing to her?"

I said, "I never said that. We'll quit scolding her, just advise her.

**She needs a buddy, and you're the one to be her buddy, you and I.**

**We're her parents."**

128 **These kids today needs a buddy. If they had a mother and father would stay home and take care of them,** instead of out here in a barroom running around all night and things like that, wouldn't have--wouldn't have a juvenile delinquency. See?

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So we there got down on our knees and committed it to God. I said, "I know she's eighteen years old, will be in a few days, and she and a girl that age will think about boyfriends, and we've kept her in." I said, "I never wanted to see her get married. I want to put her in the office here, do the work. I want to see her filled with the Spirit and live like that. "

And she... Well, we all wanted that. She said, "Well, we can't do that." Said, "She just won't listen to it."

**I said, "Wait a minute. We've raised her all we can, now put her in the hands of God: commit her."** And I said, "Then when she does anything say, 'Becky, darling, mother don't want you to do that, but I'm your pal; I'll stick by you.' See? **Let her know that you love her.**

**She's going to get somebody to love her, and it might be the wrong woman."**

See? I said, "You be the woman does the loving." I said, "Honey, that sounds kind of crude, but people come everywhere, and set on personal interviews, and things."

I said, "I'm so common; we're common to one another, because we're husband and wife, but we never let that happen. You must remember, this is the Name of the Lord."

So she said, "All right."

We got down and committed it to God. Said we'd take our hands off it.

**That afternoon she come in; she said, "Well, I guess you're still saying I ain't going over there."**

Meda said, "No, I never said nothing about it."

Said, "You know, mother don't want you to do that; and you know it liked to killed your daddy when he heard you up there playing that boogie-woogie music, ever what it was, with that girl." Said, "Now, he didn't want you to do that, and we don't want you to do that, Becky, but we just committed it to the Lord. I want you to know we love you. Whatever you do, we still love you."

**She hollered, said, "I'm going anyhow."**

Said, "All right, dear." So went ahead. Said, "All right, I'll have supper ready when you get back." She never did go. No, she's never went since. See? Not long after that she met George; George is a Christian. That--that settled it then.

She's trying to tell Mrs. Wood about it the other day. **She said, "Oh, I got awful wild." Said, she just... Said, "Daddy and mother committed me to the Lord."** Said, "Awful wild..." But that--that was wild to us; we don't want to get any wilder than that. See? Just let it go like that. All right.

## **Bill Paul Smoking**

**55-1004 COME.LET.US.REASON.TOGETHER, CHICAGO.IL, TUESDAY**

E-56 A dose of medicine almost killed my boy, Billy Paul. About two years, three years ago, **Billy Paul got into a habit, got running around there, and that's the reason I had to send him to Waxahachie, to the school. Our public school, with the bunch of little boys and things, all smoking cigarettes and things.**

And Billy come up home one day and said, "How you getting along, daddy?"

I seen a vision pop over him. I said, "Come here a minute, talk to you."

He said, "What is it, Daddy?"

**I said, "What are you doing smoking cigarettes?"**

**He said, "I'm not."**

**I said, "Don't you lie to me, Billy." He commenced to crying.**

Well, he said, "I won't do it no more, daddy." **And he went on out.**

**He kept on doing it. He wasn't hiding it; he can't hide it,** no, no.

So--and I seen a vision, and the Lord showed me that Billy, had disobeyed me, and had jumped through a window, and was going laughing, head over heels, like that, down, on through eternity, turning over and over. And when I come out of the vision, I was screaming to the top of my voice, "Oh, God, don't take my boy. Only boy I have, don't take him, Lord." And I was screaming to the top of my voice. I told Billy.

E-57 And so, Billy, that day, he went fishing. Been hanging down on the river a lot. There was a man from India, there to see me, and some more ministers. And we went down into New Albany with my wife. She had to go down there to get something another. And so, we went down, and I was setting talking to the ministers, and all at once, something said to me, "Get out of there, right quick." I thought that was just my imagination.

And I said, "Well now, brethren, we're fixing to go to India as soon as we possibly can." Something said, "Get out of here, and get to yourself."

And I got out of the car, and I said, "Excuse me, brethren, just a minute, I want to go around the corner."

And I went around there, and I looked, nobody was looking, I said, "Father, what is it?" **Said, "Go to Billy Paul at once."**

E-58 And I run back real quick, and Meda was coming up the street, my wife, and I said, "Hurry honey, hurry. Something's wrong with Billy." And we run, jumped in a car, and took out to Jeffersonville, about five or six miles.

When I went into the yard, my mother-in-law, standing in the yard, screaming top of her voice, said, "Billy's dying, got him in the hospital."

So I said, "What happened?" Said, "Well, he come up down there, and he had a sore throat.

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E-58 ctd ... And he was afraid you was going to catch him with that sore throat, and tell him, he was still smoking cigarettes. And he went down, and your good friend," the best doctor there is in the nation, one of the best, "Dr. Sam Adair, gave him a shot of penicillin, and he swelled up about that big, in just about three minutes. And he run up there, and they wrapped him in blankets, and rushed him to the hospital."

### **Satan Challenging WMB**

#### **63-0630E IS.YOUR.LIFE.WORTHY.OF.THE.GOSPEL, JEFF.IN**

170 I went out the hospital. Doctor Adair wouldn't let me go in, said, "She got meningitis. You'll take it back to Billy Paul." Had the nurse give me some kind of a red stuff to take, for some kind of an anesthetic, of something to quieten me. And I had them to leave the room, threw it out the window. Slipped out the back door, went down the basement.

There laid the baby there, before the hospital, the isolated ward, flies all in her little eyes like that. I took the old mosquito bar, shooed them away, and put it over her. I got down, I said, "God, there lays my daddy and brother, yonder, and the flowers on their grave. There lays Hope, laying yonder. And here is my baby, dying. Don't take her, Lord."

171 He just pulled down the curtain, as if say, "Shut up. I don't want to hear you, at all." He wouldn't even talk to me.

172 Then, if He wouldn't talk to me, it was Satan's time. He said, "And I thought you said He was a good God. What's all this you're hollering about? You're just a boy. Look around, over the city. Every girl and every boy you ever associated with think you've lost your mind. You have." Now, he couldn't tell me there's no God, 'cause I had already seen It. But he told me He didn't care for me.

#### **{Satan Talking To WMB}**

173 Set all night long, all day long. I said that to God, "What have I done? Show me, Lord. Don't let the innocent have to suffer for me, if I done wrong." I didn't know He was trying me. But every son that comes to God has got to be tried. I said, "Tell me what I've done. I'll make it right. What have I done but preach all day long, all night long, and just give Him my life, constantly? What have I done?"

**Satan said, "That's right. You see, now, when it comes to you, and you've told all of them that you believe that He's a great healer, and there lays your baby laying there, dying. He refuses to even hear. Your wife died with tubercular pneumonia. You said He could heal cancers, and there He is. Now, you talk about Him being good, and how good He is to people. What about you?"**

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**174 Then I begin to listen to him. That's reasoning. I thought, "That's right."**

Said, "He can tell. He don't have to speak the Word. Just look to your baby, and it would live."

I said, "That's right."

"And as much as you've done for Him, and yet that's what He does for you."

175 I said, "That's right." I begin to think. "Well, what?" See? **Everything begin to break away, when it come to reasonings.** But, when it come to That, That hung. It stayed there. I was just about ready to say, "Then I'll quit."

But when it got down till all the reasoning powers had broke away, then it come to that Eternal Life, that new Birth. What if It hadn't have been there? What if It hadn't have? We wouldn't have knowed one another the way we do now. This church would not been here like this, the thousands and millions around the world. But, thank God, It was there.

176 Then I thought, "What? Who am I, anyhow? Who am I, to question His Majesty? Who am I, to question the Creator that give me my very life here on earth? Where did I get that baby? Who give it to me? Not mine, anyhow. He just loaned her to me, for a while."

I said, "Satan, get away from me. I went over, laid my hand on the baby. I said, "God bless you, sweetheart. In a minute, daddy will take you down, put you on mommy's arms. The Angels will pack your little soul away. And I'll meet you in that morning." I said, "Lord, You give her to me. You're taking her away. Though You slay me, like Job said, yet, I love You and I believe You. If You send me to hell, I'll love You, anyhow. I can't get away from that." There you are. Just an intellectual, it all broke away. But you got to have personal relationship. You've got to be born again.

## **Billy Paul Gets Married**

### **64-0830M QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.3, JEFF.IN, COD, SUNDAY**

156 The question was asked the other day, "Was --an annulment the same as a divorce?" See? When you ask me those questions, friend, you don't know what that does to me. I've got many friends setting here that's married two or three times.

Did you realize I'm talking to my own son, Billy Paul? Would I spare Billy Paul? No, indeedy. Billy Paul got married to some little girl, and come up, and said, "**Daddy, I'm going to get married.**"

I was washing my car; **I said, "Butt your head against the wall," just kept on washing my car like that.**

He said, "I'm going to get married."

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156 ctd.... I said, "Oh, go on," just kept on like that. **He goes around and tells his mother, and his mother laughed at him. You know what he done?**

**Run off with some little kid still in common school and got married.**

We annulled the wedding, the father of this girl and myself. We annulled the wedding, but he was married just the same. He's my boy setting here listening at me now. That's exactly.

He come to me with the girl that he lives with now, my daughter-in-law. My little grandson... He said, "Daddy will you marry me?"

I said, "By no means." That's my own son.

You think that don't cut me to the core when I packed him in my arms and done everything I could do, and I've been both father and mother to him? You think that don't kill me to say that? But it's the truth. Certainly. My boy setting here listening at... My daughter-in-law and my little grandson setting right here now... But I tell him it's wrong (See?), because I've got to. I'm duty bound to that Word.

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## PRINCIPLES OF GROWTH AND DISCIPLINE

### The "Buddy" Principle

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### Adapt to Growth Seasons



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**TEENAGERS:**  
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### The Three-Step Discipline Protocol



**1. EDUCATE**  
Explain why actions are wrong.



**2. REBUKE**



**3. APPLY THE ROD**

## CULTIVATING SPIRITUAL IDENTITY



### Instil Apostolic Identity

Teach children they are "one in a million" with "apostolic blood".



### Power of a Mother's Influence

Even in divided homes, faithful instruction can raise great leaders like Timothy.



### Relinquish Earthly Control

When personal efforts fail, commit the child to God to invite His intervention.



### CORRECTIVE ACTIONS FOR REBELLION