

Seven Things Teens Are Dying to Tell Their Parents

(Use outline with GOT Article)

Introduction:

- A. Article by John A. Smith. (GOT 10/20/88).
- B. Article in Focus On The Family, May 1988.

Discussion:

I. Keep Cool.

- A. Slow to anger. (Prov. 15,1,18; Jas. 1:19).
- B. Example of gentleness. (2 Tim. 2:24-26).
- C. Uncontrolled anger provokes anger. (Eph. 6:4).

II. Please Show Us Who's Boss.

- A. Sparing Rod. (Prov. 13:24).
- B. Chasten child while there is hope. (Prov. 19:18).
- C. A child left to himself. (Prov. 29:15).
- D. Solomon's predecessors.
 - 1. Eli.
 - 2. Samuel.
 - 3. David.
- E. Children who boss the home want to boss elsewhere.

III. Don't Blow Your Class.

- A. Need example of mature Christian. (cf. 1 Tim. 4:12).
- B. Value of mature to teach immature. (cf. Tit. 2:3-5).

IV. Please, Light a Candle.

- A. Need to be assured that God:
 - 1. Loves them. (Rom. 5:8).
 - 2. Made them. (Acts 17:).
- B. Need solid teaching, not spiritual "junk food".
 - 1. Need some strong meat.
 - 2. Fed milk at home, resent meat at church.

V. Scare Us.

- A. Let them know consequences of sin. - here and hereafter.
- B. Follow example of heavenly Father.
 - 1. Threatens with punishment.
 - 2. Provides way of escape.

VI. Call Our Bluff.

- A. Children threatens to leave, drop out of school.
- B. Do not be intimidated.

VII. Be Honest with Us.

- A. Lying and dishonesty condemned. (Ex. 20:16; Col. 3:16).
- B. Hypocrisy condemned. (Matt. 23:23).
- C. Lying, dishonest, hypocritical parents raise after their kind.

Conclusion:

- A. Detective Garner's conclusion in article.