Radical Shift In Parenting

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INTRODUCTION

- The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.
- I want to talk with you this evening about a radical shift in parenting. A shift away from lone ranger parenting.
- What I'm advocating this evening is not just a good idea. I'm advocating something mandated in Scripture.

1 Counsel Given Poorly Makes You Feel Stupid

Proverbs 25:11; 1 Samuel 25

- Sometimes the counsel that's given, well, it's just given poorly, and it makes you feel very stupid.
- A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.
- If we're going to offer advice and encouragement to parents, we need to be careful in what we say and when we say it and how we say it.
- Giving advice is a skill. It is an art.

2 A Lot of Judgment in How to Rear Children

Ephesians 6:1–4; Titus 2:3–4

- There is an awful lot of judgment in how to rear children.
- Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
- We'd be very careful about imposing our judgment on others.
- Shouldn't we be looking to those who are godly among us, particularly those who are older among us, and asking them for their judgment so they can help our judgment be better.

3 My Child Is So Different

Proverbs 18:13; Ephesians 6:1

- Your kid is not the same as anybody else's kid.
- If one gives an answer before he hears, it is to his folly and to his shame.
- That doesn't mean all advice is of no value.
- All children must do Ephesians 6 1.

4 The Bible Word for That Is Pride

James 4:6

- What's the Bible word for that? The Bible word for that is pride.
- God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.
- When we're too proud to ask for help, God opposes us as parents.

- It's really not about you. It's about that child.

5 Don't Use This Lesson as a License; Evaluate Myself

- Please don't use this lesson. As a license to go around telling everybody how to do.
- The best way to offer advice to anybody, parenting or otherwise, is always what? Always to listen first.
- We need to do some real evaluating. And the evaluation needs to be of myself.
- Make application to your family, not somebody else.

6 Good Advice Comes Because We're in Good Relationships

James 5

- Good advice always comes because we're in good relationships.
- They sure would rather help a five-year-old than try to rescue a 15-year-old.
- That's all you need to show your shepherds you're willing to be shepherded.

THE CHALLENGE

I hope and pray that your heart is open to the counsel of Scripture. So that you will be open to the counsel of others who want so much to help all of our children arrive safely before the throne of God.

MY NOTES