



WHY DO CHILDREN REBEL?

CAUSE

- ☐ When a father does not fulfill promises...
- ☐ When a father does not admit he is wrong...
- ☐ When a father refuses to ask for forgiveness...
- ☐ When a father does not have right priorities...
- ☐ When a father is too strict in discipline...
- ☐ When a father gives too much freedom to his children...
- ☐ When a father neglects his parents...
- ☐ When a father puts his parents in a nursing home for the sake of convenience...
- ☐ When a father does not love his wife...
- ☐ When a father neglects God's Word...
- ☐ When a father sacrifices his family for a better retirement...
- ☐ When a father disciplines in anger...
- ☐ When a father delegates his children's education to others...
- ☐ When a father does not teach his children how to please him...
- ☐ When a father focuses on the outward beauty of others...
- ☐ When a father is impatient with his children...
- ☐ When a father has inconsistent standards...
- ☐ When a father tries to warn his children only of the consequences of sin...
- ☐ When a father lets his wife assume spiritual leadership...
- ☐ When a father does not have personal convictions...

EFFECT

- His children get wounded spirits.
- His children lose confidence in his leadership.
- His children react to his pride.
- His children feel that he is too busy for them.
- His children have their spirits broken.
- His children see freedom as a form of rejection.
- His children do not honor the counsel of their grandparents.
- His children are taught to reject older people.
- His children take up offenses for their mother.
- His children reject the authority of God and the Bible.
- His children develop a temporal value system.
- His children have seeds of bitterness.
- His children cease to respect him as a teacher.
- His children feel frustrated and rejected.
- His children feel inferior and reject themselves.
- His children seek approval from friends.
- His children despise him.
- His children are challenged to be successful in avoiding the consequences.
- His children may regard religion as childish when they grow older.
- His children accept situational ethics and excuse in excess what their father allowed in moderation.

CAN YOU DETECT EARLY WARNINGS OF REBELLION?

- ☐ **AWARENESS OF TENSION
BETWEEN PARENTS**

WHEN A CHILD SENSES CONFLICT between the parents, the child tends to take up an offense against one or both parents and ultimately rejects the authority of both parents.

- ☐ **ACCUSATIONS THAT PARENTS ARE
SHOWING FAVORITISM**

A CHILD HAS A KEEN SENSE OF FAIRNESS. Once a parent shows unfairness, the child will feel rejected and accuse the parents of favoritism. This will produce seeds of resentment which grow into rebelliousness.

- ☐ **FEELINGS OF INFERIORITY AND
EVIDENCES OF SELF-REJECTION**

IF A SON OR DAUGHTER REJECTS THE DESIGN of unchangeable physical features, he or she will also tend to reject the Designer and His authority in daily living.

- ☐ **LOYALTY TO FRIENDS WHO REJECT
AUTHORITY**

WRONG FRIENDS CORRUPT right living. Also, a son or daughter tends to choose friends who will openly do what that son or daughter secretly wants to do.

- ☐ **LACK OF CLEAR OR SIGNIFICANT
ANSWERS TO THEIR PRAYERS**

A CHILD WHO "GIVES UP HIS OR HER FAITH" is usually only giving up the parents' faith because the child has never experienced any convincing evidence of a living and loving God.

- ☐ **EVIDENCES OF PERSONAL MORAL
IMPURITY**

A CHILD WHO VIOLATES God's moral laws will experience guilt which, if not dealt with, will produce rebellion to parents, to the Bible, and to God.

- ☐ **ADMIRATION OF THOSE WHO MOCK
AUTHORITY AND ENCOURAGE
REBELLION**

SCRIPTURE WARNS about the devastating influences of teachers who reject God's principles of authority. These teachers will corrupt the obedient spirit of a son or daughter.

- ☐ **QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ACCURACY OF
THE BIBLE**

WHEN A SON OR DAUGHTER BEGINS TO QUESTION the accuracy of the Bible, the authority of the Bible is also in question.

- ☐ **LACK OF CONSISTENT INTEREST IN
THE BIBLE OR CHRISTIAN ACTIVITIES**

SATAN'S PROGRAM OF DESTRUCTION begins with separation from the Bible and Christian friends, and then doubts and defeat follow.