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**THE PAIN OF SPOILED BRATS!
(AND THOSE WHO NURTURE**

THEM)

TEXT: Ecclesiastes 8:9 All this have I seen, and applied my heart unto every work that is done under the sun: there is a time wherein one man ruleth over another to his own hurt.

Colossians 4:1 Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.

James 3:1 My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that **we shall receive the greater condemnation.**

Hebrews 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, **as they that must give account...**

Ecclesiastes 10:16 Woe to thee, O land, when thy king is a child...

"In age. Or...(which is more agreeable to the following clause)...in childish qualities, as ignorance, inexperience...rashness, frowardness, fickleness, or wilfulness, and the like..." (Poole)

"Immature Parents: Role Reversal - Many of today's teens are forced to act like adults - because their parents won't...The loss of a parental authority figure robs teens of the lightness of adolescence..." (TeenVogue, 2011)

"My Wife Acts Like a Teenager. I feel like I'm married to a teen...She looks more like a high school kid than a sophisticated woman...[Reply]...I think that you have a problem in your home...First, I can assure you that teenagers do not want their moms to look and act like teenagers. They tell me all the time that this embarrasses them. Secondly, a mother who acts and dresses like a teen is most likely trying to be her teen's friend...This is an excellent but unfortunate way for your wife to lose her status as an authority figure in your daughter's life. Friends don't set rules and enforce consequences. Parents who embrace their parent role do this and their teens benefit from this sort of structure. Your teens won't tell you but they secretly crave structure..." (Psychology Today, 2012)

"...The horrendous state of teens today comes from having parents who aren't strong enough to be parents..." (Boteach)

Romans 12:8...he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence;

Proverbs 29:17 Correct thy son, and **he shall give thee rest**; yea, he shall give delight unto **thy soul**.

...there is a time wherein one man ruleth over another to his own hurt.

Ephesians 6:4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in **the nurture** and admonition of the Lord.

Proverbs 29:15 The **rod and reproof** give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.

"It may be noted that in accordance with the characteristic sternness of ancient education, both words have a tinge of severity in them. The 'nurture' of this passage is the same as the 'chastening' of the famous passage in Hebrews 12:4-11...The 'admonition' is used in Titus 3:10 for rebuke, and, inasmuch as it implies warning, is distinguished from teaching in Colossians 3:16..."

(Ellicott's Commentary)

Nurture:

"1.b. Moral training or discipline...2. To bring up, train, educate. b. To discipline, chasten."

(Oxford Dictionary)

Proverbs 13:24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him **chasteneth** him betimes.

"He that spareth the rod, hateth his child, but he that loveth him, doth instantly **nurture** him."

(Douay version, 1609)

"Parents, do not treat your children in such a way as to make them angry. Instead, raise them with **Christian discipline** and instruction." *(Good News Translation)*

"Yf any man haue a sonne that is stuburne, and disobedient, that he will not herken

vnto the voyce of his father and voyce of his mother, and they haue **taught him nurture**, but he wolde not herken vnto them..." (*Tyndale*, Deuteronomy 21:18)

Deuteronomy 8:5 Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man **chasteneth** his son, so the LORD thy God **chasteneth** thee.

"Know therefore in thine heart, that as a man nurtureth his son, so the Lord thy God **nurtureth** thee." (*Geneva*)

1 Kings 12:11 And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath **chastised** you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

"My father correcte you with scourges, but I wyl **nourtoure** you with scorpions." (*Coverdale*)

Ezekiel 16:27...the daughters of the Philistines, which are ashamed of thy lewd way.

Huffington Post, December 12, 2019:

"*7 Signs You've Raised A Spoiled Child (And What To Do About It)*...Experts say it's possible for parents to ;un-spoil' a kid...The spoiled child problem appears to be getting worse...In fact, 59% of parents think their kids are more spoiled than they were at the same age, according to a 2011 survey from *Parenting and Today Moms*...spoiled kids are stuck in 'me' mode," said Michele Borba, educational psychologist and author...'Everything revolves around their needs, concerns, feelings, wants, desires, and everyone else takes second place'...Some parents may worry that giving their kid a firm 'no' will hurt the child's feelings or damage their confidence. Other times, parents are just too exhausted to enforce the rules - or set any in the first place...spoiled children have a particularly hard time taking no for an answer...Instead of expressing their gratitude for what they have, they're more focused on getting the next thing...Spoiled kids tend to be self-centered. They aren't all that concerned with inconveniencing other people...They demand things ASAP...They're sore losers...They refuse to complete even simple tasks until you beg or bribe them...Get used to saying 'no' without guilt...Once you set your boundaries, you have to stick to them consistently..."

"'Spocked,' or Spanked?...Dr. Benjamin Spock, author of the once-famous book,

Baby and Child Care, finally admitted that if today's children are 'brattier' than those of a former generation, he must share part of the blame. His present claim: 'Inability to be firm is, to my mind, the commonest problem of parents in America today.' He terms today's impudent, unruly children as 'brattier,' **and places the blame, in part at least, on the self-appointed experts – 'the child psychiatrists, psychologists, teachers, social workers, and pediatricians like myself.'** It was indeed the philosophy of Spock and those of his sort that spawned the present generation of permissive-minded parents. And such parents have in turn begotten and brought up a brood of disagreeable and discontented young rebels...Having sown to the wind of permissiveness, we are reaping the whirlwind of domestic disobedience...how can we expect, I ask, such parents to turn...into practical disciplinarians when they have never believed in discipline, either for themselves or for their children?..."

(L.E. Maxwell; quoted in, *Woman to Woman: Questions and Answers to Today's Home Problems*, 1987)

"Many consider this nation's extremist youth, an impulse-ridden generation, too impatient to work toward long-range goals and with no respect for authority, or for the past, and a number of recent articles have suggested that the trouble is that, in Stewart Alsop's words, they were 'Spocked when they should have been spanked.' Recently, a Long Island reader wrote to this magazine: **'It's becoming more and more tiresome and disturbing to read accusations by psychiatrists and psychologists that middle-class parents [their extreme permissiveness] are to blame for today's way-out, violent NOW generation. What they neglect to mention is this...who wrote volumes of permissive advice? The child-rearing 'experts,' of course'**...In 1945, the *Women's Home Companion* [doctor-author] was advising readers...'when your child has a tantrum...lies down on the floor, bangs his head and screams, or may kick and bite, scratch and cry...it is a perfectly natural thing for him to do. In most cases the reason for the tantrum lies not with the child but with the adult...Divert the child by saying, 'Let's go out and play' or by starting a favorite game...Don't scold or punish your child. Try to make him happy, do what he is interested in. Punishment will only harm his development'...[By 1956,] Dr. Spock [had changed his tune a bit]: 'Firmness...is one of the aspects of parental love.' And **thus the age of tyranny of children seems to be drawing to a close...**"

(*New York Times*, Rita Kramer, June 8, 1969)

"Children have an instinctive ability to beg and plead their way out of consequences. They honestly believe what they are saying. Faced with the consequences of their latest action, they DO believe they will never do it again or that they will remember to do it the next time, depending on the infraction. The fact is they won't. What they will remember is that it is possible to beg, plead, and cajole their way out of consequences. Giving in to a child's distress and agony is not a kind thing to do...If a child escapes the consequences, a parent's authority disintegrates. This is a difficult time for parents. We actually must allow our children to suffer. The consequences teach the lesson, and the lesson will be remembered...The goal is for children to realize that parents enforce rules...don't bluff...Don't be intimidated by a child's anger...Being respected is more important than being liked all the time. It's okay if your kids don't like you right this minute. Things change. They'll get over it...When children do something wrong, they deserve to experience the bad feelings. Building a child's character is more important than making the child feel good all the time. This is real life...Be firm. Be the parent..."

[From a popular court-approved parenting class]

Proverbs 30:21 For three things the earth is disquieted, and for four which it cannot bear:

22 For **a servant when he reigneth**; and a fool when he is filled with meat;

Proverbs 29:19 A servant will not be corrected by words: for though he understand he will not answer.

Proverbs 17:21 He that begetteth a fool doeth it to his sorrow: and the father of a fool hath no joy.

25 A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him.

Proverbs 10:1...A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.

Amos 5:10 They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly.

Matthew 10:35 For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.

1 Thessalonians 2:11 As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children,

Ecclesiastes 4:12 And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.