

## **New Parents**

As my wife and I started heading out of a restaurant, we overheard two young boys talking. They were discussing how they did not like their parents and how they wanted new ones. The boys then spotted us and questioned "How about these?" They then began walking out with us.

We all have differences with our children. (I recently observed a professional counselor trying to handle a battle of wills with his own three-year old.) But is it possible that the reason kids are worse today is because they are coming from broken or unloving homes? I have heard about several who grew up with my children. I am surprised by those who are now on drugs or in trouble and one even has a wanted bulletin out on her.

We should spend time with our kids. Spending time with them is more important than spending money or giving gifts to them. We should listen to our kids. God has given us two ears that never close and a mouth that does. We should praise our kids. We should make them feel that even when they fall, we are proud of them. We should love our kids in words and deeds

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Prov 22:6

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