



“What to Do When Your Child Rebels”
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Picture It

Did you have a season of rebellion? How did God bring you back?

How have you seen the ‘3 Common Ingredients of a Wayward Child’ which Pastor Shawn outlined in the message, in your life or the life of a rebellious child?

Of the 5 biblical principles shared on ‘What to do when your child rebels’ which one(s) spoke to you the most? Why? What other principles might you add to this list?

Practice It

(1) When confronted with a rebellious child in your family, as a parent you will also be confronted by internal emotional and spiritual issues within yourself. To be biblically prepared for this conflict, answer the following questions about anger.

(a) What do the following verses tell us about God?

Psalm 6:1; 38:1 Isaiah 30:27
 Isaiah 12:1 1 Samuel 11:6
 Micah 7:9

(b) How can you reconcile the teachings of Psalm 37:8; Ephesians 4:26-27; and James 1:19-20 with what you just read about God?

(c) Read Exodus 32:19-35 and Numbers 20:2-12. Why does God apparently approve of Moses’ anger in one passage and not in the other?

(d) Ephesians 6:4 says “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger . . .”(NASB). Of all the things Paul could have warned us against, why anger? What are we to provoke our children to do? (see Eph. 6:4b and Eph. 4:31-5:2)

(e) Read Nehemiah 5:6-7. What did Nehemiah do that might be a good practice for you when you feel angry?

(f) What are some parameters we should (or already do) draw around our anger? Name them adding biblical references.

(2) Read 1 Timothy 3:4. Inherent in parenting is the responsibility to raise our children so they are prepared to be released as adults; family will always outlive the parents but the parents affect the direction of the family. Great parents are like great leaders, they are committed to sowing seeds in the present because they expect to reap positive harvests in the future. In the Bible, Nehemiah invested his life and mission into many people, but two of the most important were his brother Hanani, who was faithful, and his successor as commander Hananiah, who was fruitful. You, too, are called to invest in your family, the one(s) whom God has given you as relatives and successors.

(a) How are you investing in your family/children for life success and a life of faith?

(b) How will you begin or increase your commitment to investing in your family as future leaders?

(c) Name a person (or an experience) who you can get your child around that will be a positive influence and help build them up for future success.

Personalize It

(1) Parenting reveals our character. When our children expose our impatience and self-centered frustration, they hold a mirror up to our hearts. What is your child teaching you?

Name	Tipping Point toward Anger	Way(s) you may Redeem Anger in Love

(2) One of the greatest gifts we can give our child is a recognition of their independence and entrance into adulthood – *the release*. Brainstorm ways you may physically / symbolically show your kid(s) they have the blessing of your release.

(3) Prayer Challenge:

“God, how do you want me to love my child in this situation? What are his/her greatest needs? What don’t I understand about him/her that makes me judge in anger instead of serve in love?”