

A. If you're in chair 1, stay there—*discipline your children in love, spend time with them; but most of all share with them your personal relationship with the living God.*

B. If you're in chair 2, you're lukewarm, then \_\_\_\_\_.

C. If you're in chair 3, then \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

**Conclusion:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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1. The passing of time will change your children's perspective.
2. Parental blind spots are not flaws in the faith.
3. Deal with the bitterness and forgive.

There's only one option regarding those who fail you. Forgive them as Christ has forgiven you and refuse to become bitter. (Ephesians 4:32)

We cannot model Christ to the next generation unless He is real in \_\_\_\_\_.

## Biblical Parenting for Christian Leaders

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**Text:** Joshua 24:14–16

**Introduction:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Thoughts on Faith and the Next Generation:

- Nobody grows up in a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Everybody is responsible for making their own spiritual choices.
- Rules are not the problem; lack of relationship is the problem.
- Parenting Principle:  
 Rules without Relationship = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any strong relationship will have boundaries... marriage, parenting, friendships, etc.
- Kids who grow up in the best of environments can still grow up and choose sin, reject God, and experience deep problems.

### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 15)

Generation #1: \_\_\_\_\_      Generation #2: \_\_\_\_\_      Generation #3: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. The \_\_\_\_\_

Case #1- \_\_\_\_\_

A. Their \_\_\_\_\_

Generation #1:	Generation #2:	Generation #3:
Commitment	Compromise	_____

B. Their \_\_\_\_\_ to God

Know God and His works	Know God and about His works	Didn't know God or His works
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C. Their \_\_\_\_\_

God and People \_\_\_\_\_ Self

"...every man did that which was right in his own eyes."  
—Judges 21:25

D. The condition of their soul

\_\_\_\_\_ Saved but Carnal      Unsaved

Case #2- \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Samuel 3:11-13; Proverbs 13:24)

Case #3- \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Samuel 7:15-17; 8:3-5)

3. The \_\_\_\_\_

A. No \_\_\_\_\_

B. No \_\_\_\_\_ = no love

A 7 year study reported in the Journal of Child Development stated that "teens benefit by spending more time with parents. Encounters with dad boost self-worth and social skills."

C. No \_\_\_\_\_

A Christian home should be close, loving, funny, enjoyable, memorable, and something a young person craves! It's not natural for a teen to never want to be at home, or always locked in their room, or never want to be around Mom and Dad.

D. \_\_\_\_\_

Solomon started good, but then began to slide. Rehoboam saw his father's lust for things grow.

Good questions to ask your teenagers:

- How can I be a better parent?
- How have I hurt you?
- Do you have enough time with me?
- Is there a struggle that I can help you with right now?
- Do you feel close to me, and if not, why not?
- What can I do to make it right?

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 15)

What is the answer? \_\_\_\_\_

Decide to be an open and approachable parent. The bottom line is this: the Christian life *makes sense*.

Be real; be a joyful Christian!