

# "HOW TO RAISE A REBEL"

(Five Common Mistakes Made by Parents)  
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## I. PLAY FAVORITES!

(Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, Esau and Joseph ... Genesis 25-37)

- Comparisons cannot be made without attacking abilities or character!  
Genesis 25:27-28
- Comparisons cannot be made without conveying acceptance and rejection!  
Genesis 25:28
- Playing favorites always creates competition and rivalry! Genesis 37:3-4
- Playing favorites always ends up in someone getting hurt! Genesis 37:18-20

## II. OVERLOOK SIN!

(Eli and Sons ... I Samuel 2-4)

- They were thieves and were never made to make restitution ... I Sam. 2:16-17/Ex. 22:1
- They were immoral and were never punished ... I Sam. 2:22/Deut. 22:22
- They were defiantly disobedient and never disciplined ... I Sam. 2:25/Deut. 21:20-21

## III. DESIRE POPULARITY AND ACCEPTANCE!

(Lot and Daughters ... Genesis 18-19)

- Fellowship shows mutual **ATTRACTION** ... When I fellowship with them, I am saying with my *life* that I am **ATTRACTED** to them and to what they do!
- Fellowship shows mutual **ADMIRATION** ... When I fellowship with them, I am saying with my life that I **ADMIRE** them and what they do! ... It is a shame to even speak of some of the things they do!
- Fellowship shows mutual **ACCEPTANCE** ... When I fellowship with them, I am saying with my life that I **ACCEPT** them and what they do!
- Exodus 23:2 ... Luke 6:22 ... John 15:18 ... I John 3:13 ... Matthew 5:11-12

## IV. DON'T TALK!

(David and Absalom ... II Samuel 13-18)

- Don't Talk! Pretend that the problems will just go away! (II Sam 13:21-22)
- Don't Talk! Hold all your emotions and feelings inside! (II Sam 13:37-39)

- Don't Talk! Keep busy! So busy that you do not have time to talk! (II Sam 14:24,28)
- Don't Talk! Wait until he is alone to tell him that you love him! (II Sam 18:33)
- #1 NEGLECTFUL PARENTS    LOW IN DISCIPLINE / LOW IN LOVE
- #2 PERMISSIVE PARENTS    LOW IN DISCIPLINE / HIGH IN LOVE
- #3. DICTATOR PARENTS      HIGH IN DISCIPLINE / LOW IN LOVE

**V.    TEACH REBELLION BY EXAMPLE!**

(Ahaziah, Ahab and Jezebel/I Kings 22:510)

- Children learn obedience by watching their mothers submit to their fathers
- Wives learn obedience by watching their husbands submit to God

## Signs of Rebellion

1. Little or No Communication ... Adam and Eve ... Genesis 3:8
  - A. He won't talk! He doesn't hate you - he hates God!
  - B. He doesn't want you to know what is really going on inside ... he's hurting.
2. Loss of Interest in Spiritual Things ... Demos ... II Timothy 4:19/I Cor. 2:14
  - A. He has little desire for Church and does not want to be around Christian kids.
  - B. His devotions, prayer, Bible Reading and Scripture memory is at an all-time low.
3. Lousy Friends ... Amnon and Jonadab ... II Sam. 13:2-3
  - A. If you really want to know a teen's heart look at his friends.
  - B. "Reaching Out" and "Fitting In" are two different things!
4. Lack of Enthusiasm in anything...Those who surrender to the flesh!... Rom. 7:22
  - A. An internal civil war is robbing all joy. A constant battle between truth and error.
  - B. They are *spiritually and* physically tired *because* of the constant fighting.
5. Letting go of strong moral standards...Lot accepted their perverted lifestyle...Gen 22.
  - A. What do they like to see and hear? (How are they feeding their rebellion?)
  - B. What do they like to spend their time doing? (Mall/Phone/Topic of conversation) C. How do they want to dress? (Whose acceptance are they seeking?)
6. Lack of gratitude or thankfulness ... Nebuchadnezzar...baniel 4:28-37
  - A. This is a great indicator of rebellion.
  - B. They believe the lie that the world, authorities, even God, owes them something!
7. Little or no respect for authority ...The children that mocked Elisha...II Kings 2:23-24
  - A. They ask "Why?" Always questioning authority about every little decision.
  - B. They believe that authority is bad and does not have their best interest in mind.

## 25 Characteristics of a Fool

He despises wisdom and instruction	Proverbs 1:7
He hates knowledge	Proverbs 1:22
He grieves his mother	Proverbs 10:1
He enjoys devising mischief	Proverbs 10:23
He is right in his own eyes	Proverbs 12:15
He is quick to anger	Proverbs 12:16
He hates to depart from evil	Proverbs 13:19
He is deceitful	Proverbs 14:8
He is arrogant and careless	Proverbs 14:16
He rejects his father's instruction	Proverbs 15:5

He despises his mother	Proverbs 15:20
He does not respond well to discipline	Proverbs 17:10
He does not understand wisdom	Proverbs 17:16
He has a worldly focus	Proverbs 17:24
He grieves his father	Proverbs 17:25
He hurts his mother	Proverbs 17:25
He does not consider discussing any viewpoint but his own	Proverbs 18:2
He provokes others to strife and anger by the things he says	Proverbs 18:6
He has a smart mouth that usually gets him into trouble	Proverbs 18:7
He is quarrelsome (contentious)	Proverbs 20:3
He is a spendthrift	Proverbs 21:20
He repeats his folly foolishness	Proverbs 26:11
He trusts in his own heart	Proverbs 28:26
He cannot resolve conflicts	Proverbs 29:9
He gives full vent to his anger	Proverbs 29:11