

# *God's Grace In US*

**Ephesians 6:1-4 (Part Two)**

**Colossians 3:20,21**

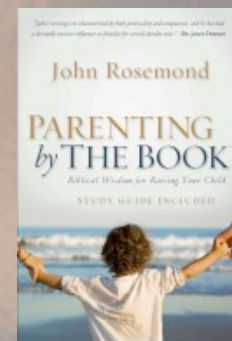
**Children and Parents  
'Under the Influence'**

## Inspired (and sufficient) Instruction

- **Sons and daughters** will learn to willingly obey and honor their parents
- **Parents** (especially fathers) will rightly fulfill their primary responsibility to their children: to be the principle human agents to shepherd the hearts of their sons and daughters Godward.

## Useful (though not inspired!) Perspectives:

- *Shepherding A Child's Heart*  
by Tedd Tripp
- *Parenting By The Book – Biblical Wisdom for Raising Your Child*  
by John Rosmond



## *Fathers (Parents)*

- *Father* now in focus: male head of the family, responsible to take the lead in the personal & spiritual development of the kids, assisted by his wife.
- The biblical focus is not on families, but on fathers. Fathers who keep first things first: the nurture/development of their kids (‘shepherding’ them).

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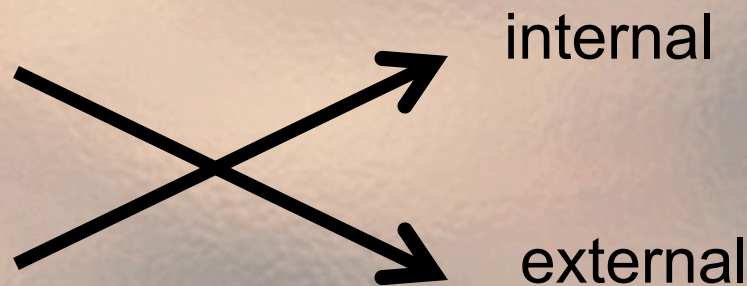
- How fathers ‘father’ (or parents ‘parent’) has consequences! Don’t do it *this* way, but do do it *this* way...
- Behavior flows from the heart ([Matt 15:19](#))
- Do not stimulate the wrong attitudes (which lead to wrong behavior) within your child by how you treat them.
- Context: harsh and cruel treatment of children common in ancient world...

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- *Bring them up* = tenderly develop/nurture by providing what is needed. (see Eph 5:29)
- *Discipline & instruction* = training with correction (not: I Sam 2:12-17; 22-24; 3:11-13)
- *A Godward* shaping and shepherding of the heart



Children and Parents “Under the Influence” – Eph 6:1-4

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- For this the Scriptures were given.
- To this end the Holy Spirit works within us and the Glorious Grace of God transforms us.
- Examples of this are found within the Body.

*Heaven Help the Home*  
Heaven Helps **s** the Home”