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You Make a Difference!

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Focus time (love) and energy (spirit) on your children.

Or is it on work? Or on God? Or on you?

“Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged. And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;”

COLOSSIANS 3:20-21,23 (KJ)

Chores. This is an example of what not to do. If you have two or more children (teenage children works best in this example), or know someone with children, please listen.

In this example, let's say we are talking about cleaning up the bathroom. This is a responsibility which is shared between the children. Let's say two children who are to clean the bathroom once a week. Both parents are aware of this assignment for the children. As the weeks progress, the parents notice that the bathroom is not getting cleaned as agreed upon. So one parent decides to assist the children in keeping the bathroom clean, instead of enforcing the rule. The other parent does not agree with this action.

The parent in helping is really not helping at all. See this. When the bathroom is not cleaned when it is supposed to be, then the parents go to one child, the oldest and asks whose turn it is to clean the bathroom. The oldest child responds, I do not know, maybe the younger child. The parent

goes to the younger child and asks the same question. Same answer, the other child. This is called the “run-around.”

When there are more than two children involved it is easy for the children to give parents the “run-around.” But when there are only two children involved one can more easily see the “run-around.” The way to get around the “run-around” is to stop it by not the parents not participating in the chores in the first place, but as supervisors. Why? Because the oldest child has the responsibility to ensure that the chore is done, by the younger child and by themselves as well.

When a parent is not involved in the actual work, but is involved in the parenting process:

1. Let's children know what expectations you have of them and what they are.
2. Teaches children responsibility.
3. Consistent parental supervision of the process helps children learn and get a better understanding of discipline and correction.
4. Children know when you make sure they do what you have asked and you ask question, that you are interested in them. That is big.

Remember, God loves us more than we can imagine. God loves us even when we are at our worst. Do your chores with pleasure and joy.

“Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.” Hebrews 13:17

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