

FAMILY MATTERS

CHAMPIONSHIP PARENTING

2 Samuel 11-18

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And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4

1. A winning parent is an example to his children.

A. Your children watch you closely.

B. Your children are looking for integrity and transparency.

He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion.

Proverbs 28:13

2. A winning parent knows his children.

A. Knowing them takes time.

And he said to him, "O son of the king, why are you so depressed morning after morning? Will you not tell me?"

Then Amon said to him, "I am in love with Tamar, the sister of my brother Absalom."

2 Samuel 13:4

B. Investing time communicates value.

3. A winning parent deals with issues regarding his children.

Then Absalom her brother, said to her, "Has Amnon your brother been with you? But now keep silent, my sister, he is your brother; do not take this matter to heart." So Tamar remained and was desolate in her brother Absalom's house.

Now when King David heard of all these matters, he was very angry.

2 Samuel 13:20-21

A. Children need to be disciplined.

Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; the rod of discipline will remove it far from him. Proverbs 22:15

He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him diligently. Proverbs 13:24

B. Conflict must be resolved.

...do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an opportunity. Ephesians 4:26-2

C. Love must be unconditional and tough.

WHAT DO YOU DO IF YOU HAVE FAILED?

1. Make it right with your kids.
2. Make is right with God.