



## **STOP ACTING ... – WEEK 9 – WE RAISE GODLY KIDS, PART II**

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SCRIPTURE REFERENCE – Ephesians 5:22 – 6:9

### PRIMARY OUTCOME

- That we would teach specific Biblical principles to our children in order to avoid them resenting their parents later in life.

### REVIEW OF PART I LESSON

- See Ephesians 6:4. If children are not taught principles of successful living when they are young, they may grow up resenting their parents in exasperation.
- First three principles – Do what's right every time; live in the spiritual world, put others above yourself.

### #4 – MAJOR IN MARRIGE

- For those who choose to be married, the union must become the single most important relationship in life.
- Marriage points to Christ & the church. It can also point our children to our model of what their own marriage should be someday.

### #5 – RESPECT ALL AUTHORITY

- There is a major difference between hearing and listening.
- Children need to learn to value authority while they are young and at home so they can demonstrate that necessary ability later in life.

### #6 – DO YOUR VERY BEST

- This instruction is given to the slave, not the master.
- See Colossians 3:17 as a parallel passage.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Ice Breaker – Tell the group about your earthly father.
2. Think back to your years as a child. Those who raised you did what well? What do you think they could have done better?
3. If you are currently raising children, what are the top things you are trying to instill them?
4. If you have already raised children, what do you think you did well in the raising process? What could you have done better?
5. Look at the sub-section of Ephesians 5:22-33 about marriage. What stands out to you in that passage?
6. What concerns do you have about marriage in general today that you think we need to teach our children about?
7. Why do you think we seem to have a culture that increasingly disrespects authority? How were you taught to respect authority when you were young?
8. Can you give an example of the difference between hearing and listening described in the sermon?
9. Describe a time when you gave your very best to a task or situation. Describe a time when you did not give your best. What caused the difference?

