

Rebellious as a Family

I. Introduction-

Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it. Prov 22:6
Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. Rom 12:2

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For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Eph 6:12

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A. Today is about rebelling against the system

For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear.⁴ They will reject the truth and chase after myths. II Tim 4:3

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government. Declaration of Independence, 1776

B. The history of education in our country-

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A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences. Prov 22:3

"The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next." Abraham Lincoln

Generations	No religious preference	Biblical Christians
Traditionalist- 75 million, pre 1945	3%	
Baby Boomers- 80 million, 1946-1964		
Generation X-60 million, 1965-1979	15%	14%
Millennials -82 million, 1980-1994	23%	6%
Generation Z- 72 million, 1995-2012	33%	2%
Generation next - 2013-2018		1%

B. Traditional family roles and education.

A youngster's heart is filled with foolishness, but physical discipline will drive it far away. Prov 22:15
Those who spare the rod of discipline hate their children. Those who love their children care enough to discipline them. Prov 14:28
Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord. Prov 6:4

C. The frog in the kettle-

1%

Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. I Pet 5:8
Beware that in your plenty you do not forget the Lord your God and disobey his commands, regulations, and decrees that I am giving you today. ¹² For when you have become full and prosperous and have built fine homes to live in, ¹³ and when your flocks and herds have become very large and your silver and gold have multiplied along with everything else, be careful! ¹⁴ Do not become proud at that time and forget the Lord your God, who rescued you. Deut 8:11

Humanism= a philosophy that usually rejects [supernaturalism](#) and stresses an individual's dignity and worth and capacity for [self-realization](#) through reason

Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ. ⁹ For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. Col 2:8

1. God as the creator is replaced by evolution-

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Gen 1:1
You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. Ps 139:13

2. Humanism and psychologists redefined the nature of human beings-

If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. ⁹ But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts. I Jn 1:8
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People may be pure in their **own eyes**, but the Lord examines their motives. Prov 16:2

3. Humanism redefines the way children learn

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In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes. Jud 21:25

4. Humanists legally remove God, Jesus, the Ten Commandments and the bible from public life-

D. The results of humanistic education in our country-

Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves. ¹⁶ You can identify them by their fruit. Mat 7:15

Since 1963, there have been five negative developments in the nation's public schools:

- Academic achievement has plummeted, including SAT scores.
 - International ranking of the United States students in science, math and reading
 - 24th in science
 - 39th in mathematics (just behind Slavonia)
 - 24th in reading

<http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2017/02/15/u-s-students-internationally-math-science/>

Top five complaints of teachers from 1940-1962 -- talking, chewing gum, making noise, running in the halls and getting out of turn in line –

The top complaint of teachers since 1963-- rape, robbery, assault, burglary and arson

II. How to prepare children for the First day of school

A. The spiritual battle ground-

B. The parent's role

"Parents still the most important influence on our kids"

C. From infant to middle school- Amber

Hebrews 12:11 says No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.

Proverbs 22:6 says Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.

D. Middle and high school- Nick

1. With Sex

Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. God will surely judge people who are immoral and those who commit adultery. Hebrews 13:4

Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. 1 Corinthians 6:18

2. With Truth

Get yourself out of the way and let something greater work inside of you

My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

3. Parenting Together

Any kingdom divided by civil war is doomed. A family splintered by feuding will fall apart. Luke 11:17

I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose. 1 Corinthians 1:10

2. Make Christ the center of your life and your family's life

Teach your kids in the ways of the Lord and they won't leave it when they grow older.

Proverbs 22:6