

The Strong Willed Child Chapter 1

The Wild and Woolly Will

Questions:

1. What is the point of Dobson's story of his battle with Siggie?

2. Do you think he is right?

3. Are there any scriptures that support or refute his point?

4. Do you agree that children naturally follow a hierarchy of strength? Explain answer.

5. What role does the temperament of the child play in raising children?

The Strong Willed Child Chapter 2

Shaping the Will

Questions:

1. What does Dobson say should be the objective in the early years of childhood?

2. Write down the broad guidelines he gives to accomplish shaping their will and your thoughts about each.
 - a.

 - b.

 - c.

 - d.

 - e.

 - f.

3. Describe how to spank a child the right way and the wrong way.

4. Approximately when do the “terrible twos” begin?

5. What two messages should a child get before 4 years old?

6. At about the age of 4 what should begin to be one of the issues focused on with discipline?

7. Write down any questions or comments about anything you read that you would like to discuss.

Parenting Isn't For Cowards Chapter 2

The Tough and The Gentle

Questions:

1. What is Dobson's supposition about temperament?
2. What scriptural evidence does he use to support his supposition?
3. What are the three classes of children's temperament used by Chess and Thomas?
4. Which do you think your children fit into, or which combination.
5. What two groups is Dobson investigating in this book?

Parenting Isn't For Cowards Chapter 3

What 35,000 Parents Said About Their Children

Questions:

1. Take the multiple choice quiz without looking ahead.
2. What surprised you most when looking at the correct answers?
3. Why do you think strong-willed children were found to be more peer-dependent?
4. Is this information depressing to hear for parents of strong-willed kids?

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Suggestions For Parents of Young Children

Questions:

1. What does Dobson mean by “Go with the flow”?
2. What should we do with “flighty and fickle” emotions?
3. What is Dobson’s second suggestion? How is it accomplished?
4. What are the three pitfalls to be avoided with a compliant child?
5. What are Dobson’s fourth and fifth suggestions?

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Power Games

Questions:

1. Why do people and especially children engage in power struggles?
2. What approaches to the power games do you see most?
3. What are the most common battlegrounds for power struggles with children?
4. In which battleground is it best not to participate?

The Strong Willed Child Chapter 3

Protecting The Spirit

Questions:

1. Explain Dobson's view of the will and the spirit.
2. Do you think he is right?
3. Why do you think Billy, age 10, was the "bad" one in the letter to Dobson on Pg 87?
4. Do you think children's bad behavior is always a result of a damaged spirit?
5. Do any principles for raising a child change for an adopted child? If so, How?

The Strong Willed Child Chapter 5

The Scourge of Sibling Rivalry

Questions:

1. What feelings does sibling rivalry stem from?
2. Is there a temptation or sin at the heart of the conflict? If so, what is it?
3. Who is the real target of sibling rivalry?

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An Evaluation of Parent Effectiveness Training

Questions:

1. What does Dobson think is contrary to scripture?
2. In the P.E.T. view, how are children corrupted?
3. What is the P.E.T. view on the inherent nature of children?
4. What other problem does Dobson see in P.E.T.?
5. Since P.E.T. was a 70's "movement" many may have never heard of it, but where do you see the influence of this thinking today?

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Too Pooped To Parent

Questions:

1. Why do parents become burned out, or too pooped to parent?
2. What does Dobson call the first stage of Parental Burnout?
3. What characterizes the second stage of burnout?
4. Why is the third stage, Transition, so critical?

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The Strong-Willed Adolescent

Questions:

1. What is a teenager in desperate need of??
2. Explain what Dobson means by “Verbalize Conflicts & Re-establish Boundaries”.
3. What kind of battles does Dobson recommend staying out of with your children?
4. What discipline does Dobson recommend during teen years?
5. How does Dobson recommend you prepare for adolescence?
6. What happens if we hold on too tight as they grow up?
7. What mistakes does Dobson say the parents of the 60’s teens made?
8. What does Dobson say a parent’s responsibility is “in short”?
9. What should be our objective toward our children to prepare them for adulthood?

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Suggestions For Parents of Adolescents

Questions:

1. What does Dobson say are the two great forces that overtake children in their early pubescent years?

2. What advice does Dobson give about the first powerful force?

3. Name the five suggestions Dobson gives parents to help them cope with adolescence. And explain them.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

The Strong-Willed Child Chapter 9

The Eternal Source

Questions:

1. Who were the child-rearing “experts” that young parents learned from prior to the twentieth century?
2. What “experts” do most new parents turn to today?
3. Explain what both of these “expert” groups base their teachings on?
4. What false ideas does Dobson mention come from the professionals?
5. What problems does Dobson say reflect Proverbs 14:12?
6. What should be the source of parental teaching, whether from family, professionals, parenting classes, or parenting books?

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Questions and Answers

Questions:

1.

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Releasing Your Grown Child

Questions:

1.

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A Final Thought

Questions:

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