



DO NOT PROVOKE YOUR CHILDREN TO ANGER

Part 3: Giving Your Children
Hope to Live For

Children Are Being Raised Without Real Hope

- ◆ Children are being raised with **false** hope
 - ◆ They are given hope based on getting what they want and doing what they want
 - ◆ They get hope from peers, the internet, and professors
 - ◆ Results: anger, violence, and **skyrocketing suicide rates**
- ◆ As ungodliness and secularism grows, this will only get worse!
 - ◆ A better economy or change in government cannot fix this
 - ◆ Convincing society to accept more sin and immorality will only make things worse – Rom. 1:28-32
 - ◆ It is no wonder that young people are empty and angry and giving up! – Eph. 2:11-12

Your Child's Hope Begins With You

- ◆ You cannot give your child what they can see you do not possess
 - ◆ As a Christian parent you need to know that you possess God's hope – Eph. 1:18-21
 - ◆ This hope must be **1) valued as true riches, 2) based** firmly on the **God's great power**, and **3) shown** in the **strength and stability** worthy of having Jesus as your Lord!
- ◆ This is vital because your children are most impressed by what they **see** in you
 - ◆ A sermon lived is far more effective than a spoken one
 - ◆ Your hope must shine bright enough for your children to see it and be encouraged to embrace it – Mt. 5:16

Giving Your Children Hope Requires...

- ◆ Seeing your hope positively shape your priorities – Lk. 8:14; Col. 3:1-4; Phil. 3:20-21; 1 Jn. 3:1-3; 1 Tim. 4:8
- ◆ Seeing your hope positively affect your relationship to God and His people – Heb. 10:23-25; Psa. 122:1; 1 Pet. 3:8-9
- ◆ Seeing your hope positively affect your dealings with adversity – Heb. 6:17-19; Rom. 8:16-18; 2 Cor. 5:1-4, 7