

TEN WAYS OLDER CHILDREN CAN INFLUENCE THE YOUNGER - SM DAVIS

Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay.

Why the Prodigal Son Left Home -Luke 15

He was _____ about the true riches of life -Luke 12:15
-True _____ are found in relationships with God and others
-The Prodigal Son wanted his father's riches but not his _____.

He was _____ concerning where he would _____ up
-He spent all-Luke 15:14
-Hebrews 11:25

He was _____ by his _____ brother
-Elder said, "This _____ son" instead of "This _____ brother" -Luke 15:30
-50-70% of rebels are _____ born
-1st born rebels in the Bible:
Adam, Cain, Lot, _____

-Elder jealous of younger:
Cain and Abel, _____

3rd John is the elder's message to the younger

What the Elder Should do in Relation to the Younger (3 John 1-14)

1. Accept the _____ of the power of his influence
 - God creates many 1st born children with a _____ so they can be an influence on the younger
 - Satan knows the power of the 1st born influence and they are his _____ target
 - God _____ the younger to submit to the elder -1 Peter 5:5

2. Clearly _____ his _____
- "...whom I love..." (v. 1)
 - Younger needs to hear " _____ " and see it in writing from the elder
3. Show _____ for their _____ and _____ well-being
- "...prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. (v.2)
 - Families need less _____ and more genuine concern
4. Give _____
- "For I rejoiced greatly" (v.3)
 - Give praise in the presence of others
 - "It brought joy to my heart..."
 - 1st born has a natural tendency to protect and correct and a difficulty in praising
 - Praise _____, not _____, _____, or _____
 - Too much teasing, not enough praising
5. Teach and _____ (v. 8, 11)
- Younger craves the _____, instruction, and encouragement of the elder
6. Give _____ warning about _____ friends
7. Insight about _____ friends
8. _____ them to continue to do _____ (1 Sam 17)
- The younger should not have to _____ the elder to do right
9. Communicate _____ to _____
- "...we shall speak face to face..." (v. 14)
 - The elder should _____ communication with the younger
 - A message is 7% words, 55% body language, and 38% tone of voice
10. Demonstrate acceptance by _____ in them