

PARENTING PART 1

Gary Thomas:

"I can't give my kids a perfect dad but I can give my kids a progressing dad. A getting better dad."

2 SAM 13 NIV

In the course of time, Amnon son of David fell in love with Tamar, the beautiful sister of Absalom son of David.

2 Amnon became so obsessed with his sister Tamar that he made himself ill. She was a virgin, and it seemed impossible for him to do anything to her.

3 Now Amnon had an adviser named Jonadab son of Shimeah, David's brother Jonadab was a very shrewd man.

4 He asked Amnon, "Why do you, the king's son, look so haggard morning after morning? Won't you tell me?" Amnon said to him, "I'm in love with Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister."

5 "Go to bed and pretend to be ill," Jonadab said. "When your father comes to see you, say to him, 'I would like my sister Tamar to come and give me something to eat. Let her prepare the food in my sight so I may watch her and then eat it from her hand.'" 6 So Amnon lay down and pretended to be ill.

When the king came to see him, Amnon said to him, "I would like my sister Tamar to come and make some special bread in my sight, so I may eat from her hand."

7 David sent word to Tamar at the palace: "Go to the house of your brother Amnon and prepare some food for him." 8 So Tamar went to the house of her brother Amnon, who was lying down. She took some dough, kneaded it, made the bread in his sight and baked it. 9 Then she took the pan and served him the bread, but he refused to eat. "Send everyone out of here," Amnon said. So everyone left him. 10 Then Amnon said to Tamar, "Bring the food here into my bedroom so I may eat from your hand." And Tamar took the bread she had prepared and brought it to her brother Amnon in his bedroom. 11 But when she took it to him to eat, he grabbed her and said, "Come to bed with me, my sister."

12 "No, my brother!" she said to him. "Don't force me! Such a thing should not be done in Israel! Don't do this wicked thing. 13 What about me? Where could I get rid of my disgrace? And what about you? You would be like one of the wicked fools in Israel. Please speak to the king; he will not keep me from being married to you." 14 But he refused to listen to her, and since he was stronger than she, he raped her.

15 Then Amnon hated her with intense hatred. In fact, he hated her more than he had loved her. Amnon said to her, "Get up and get out!"

16 "No!" she said to him. "Sending me away would be a greater wrong than what you have already done to me."

But he refused to listen to her. 17 He called his personal servant and said, "Get this woman out of my sight and bolt the door after her." 18 So his servant put her out and bolted the door after her. She was wearing an ornate robe, for this was the kind of garment the virgin daughters of the king wore. 19 Tamar put ashes on her head and tore the ornate robe she was wearing. She put her hands on her head and went away, weeping aloud as she went.

20 Her brother Absalom said to her, "Has that Amnon, your brother, been with you? Be quiet for now, my sister; he is your brother. Don't take this thing to heart."

And Tamar lived in her brother Absalom's house, a desolate woman.

21 When King David heard all this, he was furious.

22 And Absalom never said a word to Amnon, either good or bad; he hated Amnon because he had disgraced his sister Tamar.



LESSONS FROM DAVID'S PARENTING:

1. SET A GOOD EXAMPLE

"Your children don't just become what you say; they become what they see."

– Craig Groeschel

"Parenting is more caught than taught."

"Your behavior, not your advice, will determine whether or not your kids will want to be like you or to be with you."

– Andy Stanley

"My heroes are and were my parents...It wasn't that the rest of the world would necessarily think that they were heroic. But they were the adults I saw constantly, and I admired what I saw."

– Michael Jordan

1 COR 11:1 GW

Imitate me as I imitate Christ.

PHIL 3:17 THE VOICE

17 Imitate me, brothers and sisters, and look around to those already following the example we have set.

2. DISCIPLINE WHEN NECESSARY.

2 SAM 13:21 NIV

21 When King David heard all this, he was furious.

2 SAM 13:21 AMPLIFIED BIBLE

21 Now when King David heard about all these things, he was very angry [**but failed to take any action**].

2 SAMUEL 13:21 (NCB)

When King David learned about all this, he became extremely angry. However, **he did not punish his son Amnon** because he was his firstborn and he loved him.

"Discipline is a sign of love. It is evidence of love."

HEBREWS 12:5-11 NIV

"My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline,
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,

6 because **THE LORD DISCIPLINES** the one **HE LOVES**,
and he **CHASTENS** everyone he accepts as **HIS SON**."

7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? 8 If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all.

11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

PROV 3:11-12 ERV

11 My son, don't reject the Lord's discipline, and don't be angry when he corrects you. 12 **The Lord corrects the one he loves**, just as a father corrects a child he cares about.

REV 3:19 AMPLIFIED BIBLE

19 Those whom I [dearly and tenderly] LOVE, I rebuke and discipline [showing them their faults and instructing them].

EPH 6:4 GW

4 Fathers, don't make your children bitter about life. Instead, **bring them up in Christian discipline and instruction.**

PROV 6:23 ERV

Your parents give you **COMMANDS** and **TEACHINGS** that are like lights to show you the right way. This teaching **CORRECTS** you and **TRAINS** you to follow the path to life.

WHY WE AVOID OR NEGLECT TO DISCIPLINE?

- a. **FEAR of MAKING IT WORSE**
- b. **LACK of FOCUS**
- c. **BEING A FRIEND FIRST**
- d. **FALSE PREMISE**

JER 17:9 LB

9 The heart is the most deceitful thing there is and desperately wicked. No one can really know how bad it is!

PROVERBS 13:24 LB

"If you refuse to discipline your son, it proves you don't love him."

PROVERBS 29:15 EASY TO READ

15 Punishment and discipline **can make children wise**, but children who are never corrected **will bring shame to their mother.**

PROVERBS 19:18 GNT

"Discipline your children while they are young enough to learn. If you don't you are helping them destroy themselves."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How can a parent/leader be a good example for others to follow?
2. Why do you think disciplining/confronting our children/someone is a sign of love?