

Mother's Day Advice From A Concerned Pastor Part 2

amen choir thank you i think our amen should get louder don't you amen thank you thank you thank you i am persuaded that many Christian moms who are most excellent women do quite a good job of training their children there is no doubt that their kids are well instructed in the law of their mother proverbs chapter 1 vers8 and Proverbs chapter 6 and verse 20 and that they have learned to fear their mother as the Lord commands in Leviticus chapter 19 and verse three it's the negligent mom whose children do not fear disobeying her i say that again it is a negligent mother whose children do not fear disobeying her their youngsters have felt the sting of chastisement from their fathers when they raised a hand to their moms or spoke disrespectfully instead of honoring her who must be obeyed sometimes people say amen some sometimes they support the pastor as he's delivering truth amen it is the absent father or one who is better off absent who permits his children to disrespect or disobey their mother without fear of consequences that's a despicable guy that said we find ourselves facing something I have observed in our culture that far too many moms have not successfully adapted to in their children's lives it's called adolescence from the beginning up until the turn of the 20th century there were only two phases of life in the human race childhood and adulthood there wasn't anything else there was childhood and there was adulthood very broadly speaking the childhood portion of life was the basic responsibility of moms to tend to in a child's life the adulthood portion of life was the basic responsibility of dads to tend to in an offspring's life that is not to deny moms and dads obviously overlapping over the course of their child's life now however especially in the industrialized countries of the world there is a third phase of life that has been invented conjured up between childhood and adulthood made possible by prosperity and the introduction of leisure and it's called adolescence adolescence is so pervasive that most people wrongly assume adolescence has always been and they just always assume that churches have always had youth ministries no they haven't no they haven't why because there was not such a group of people in the church you were either a child or you were an adult listen to this response to a query I obtained from Grock if you don't know who Grock is you are hopelessly

dated i asked "When did the concept of adolescence arise in Western culture?" Following is Grock's response the concept of adolescence is a distinct developmental stage emerging in western culture during the late 19th and early 20th century with key developments late 19th century the groundwork was laid by industrialization urbanization and compulsory education laws which extended childhood by delaying the entry into the workforce this created a prolonged transitional period between childhood and adulthood in 1904 G stanley Hall an American psychologist formalized the concept in his seminal work adolescence its psychology and its relations to physiology anthropology sociology sex crime religion and education sounds like a wonderful read hall described adolescence as a unique phase characterized by storm and stress he got that part right marked by emotional turmoil identity exploration and physical changes due to puberty his work popularized adolescence as a recognized stage in psychological and social discourse early 20th century psychoanalytic theories such as from Freud and Ericson and sociological studies further shaped the concept emphasizing identity formation and social roles by the 1920s to the 1930s adolescence was widely accepted as a distinct period in western developmental psychology reinforced by cultural shifts like extended schooling and youth subcultures understand this is all new stuff before this Western society generally viewed young people as transitioning directly from childhood to adulthood yeah like for 1,900 years from the time of Christ often through rights of passage or early work responsibilities with less focus on a prolonged intermediate phase the concept was a product of modernizing societies particularly in Europe and North America and less applicable to non-western or pre-industrial con context at the time why so because they were busy working here is the problem that occurs in our society in my opinion moms begin to loosen their grip on the lives of their children as they enter what we have been persuaded is adolescence which of course is an invention but for several reasons there is not a the corresponding tightening up of the grip by the fathers even when the dads are in the home mom our society and culture sees two things happening at the same time first we see children physically maturing more rapidly than they used to second we see children emotionally maturing more slowly than they used to the result moms sometimes end up undoing in their children's adolescence what they successfully accomplished in their child's younger years it's like tying a knot when they're young and begin loosening the knot as they get older this typically happens with most fathers not tightening their grip on their children as they mature not training them for adulthood not intentionally

instilling wisdom and decision-making skills leaving their children relatively unsupervised and unprepared for adulthood remember how little time Jockabed had to prepare Moses remember how little time Hannah had to prepare Samuel i wonder how many moms did a marvelous job with their children to the age of about 10 or 12 and then began to undo the good things they had previously accomplished because they treated their children according to their appearance they began looking like adults but not treating them according to their behavior they continued to behave as children taking up where I left off last week and not speaking to fathers because last week was Mother's Day and this service is a continuation in the time we have left moms and moms to be and perhaps even you grandmothers i want to set before you for consideration four things to help you so that you will not undo so that you will not undo all the good work you have done in training your child train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it yes but what happens if you inadvertently untrain your child after you have successfully trained him well let's not do that amen let's not do that four things you moms need to do to make sure you are not untraining your children during their manufactured phase of life referred to as adolescence first stress the importance of fathers though it is a tragic reality that some homes do not have fathers in them it is an even greater tragedy that such homes often times produce yet more homes without fathers in them the father without a home produces fathers without homes single moms frequently raise their daughters to be single moms what a tragedy and boys raised without dads in the home end up being dads who are not in their children's homes also a tragedy i have shown you the success that can be found by godly and committed mothers who seek to diligently raise their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord but that does not mean life would not have been both easier and better with a supportive and not a weasly goodfor-no unwilling to discipline his children dad in the home moms if there is a dad in the home you are foolish if you do not emphasize his importance to your children however if there is not a dad in the home you are just as foolish to not emphasize the importance of a dad though it is more difficult to do with kids who have no dad in the home and who become used to having no dad in the home nevertheless dads are still important such homes sometimes produce girls who think it is perfectly okay to make babies without having dads around it is not okay such homes also frequently produce guys who think it is perfectly okay to make babies without the prerequisite of marriage or the necessity of hanging around it that is not okay either single moms need to work extra hard at

talking about and preparing daughters for marriage by stressing the importance of husbands and fathers single moms also need to work extra hard at talking about and preparing their sons to marry by stressing the importance of being a responsible husband and father stress the importance of fathers to your children especially if the father is not in the home especially You say "Well how should this be done?" Seek the pastor's counsel or seek your godly dad or granddad's counsel if such a man is available godly i said godly godly a male perspective for a variety of childhood issues is important for both sons and daughters they have to have the male perspective unless you stress the importance of fathers you risk raising an effeminate boy who was always angry at his dad and who seems to never confront the issues he has with his dad but boy is he good with women or you risk raising a violent and promiscuous boy but boy is he good with women as well you risk raising a daughter who never comes to appreciate the masculine side of any issue especially the masculine side of child rearing however ladies stressing the importance of fathers can only be accomplished without trying without trying to boss around or change their dad don't boss him don't try to change him get out of the way and let God do that just get out of the way and let God do that and by the way guys you need to get out of the way and let God do that with her also second avoid feeling sorry for your child i said it it is understandable that a living mom would have deep feelings of regret over the loss her child experiences by not having a dad in the home as well there are occasions that even moms in a mom and dad household will be tempted to feel sorry for her child for one reason or another may I suggest to you moms that you learn to distinguish between feeling sorry for your child being sympathetic and being empathetic your child may experience pain or loss from not having a dad in the home or from having to deal with physical suffering or because of some other issue life is hard that causes a loving mother real pain because of her child's difficult situation however she should not feel sorry for her child she should not feel sympathy that is wrong that is sin when you feel sorry for your baby for whatever reason when you sympathize you are expressing the opinion that God has allowed something bad to happen to your child that should not have happened and that you think should be corrected however that is not true god loves your child far more than you do whatever the situation and he would never do wrong to your child so be careful to avoid feeling sorry it creates resentment toward God in your child's heart and mind you don't want your child to resent God what is better what is godly and what will not cause your child to become a defeist who thinks God is out to get him

God is out to get her is when you empathize with your child you say "What is empathy?" It is feeling your child's pain appreciating your child's suffering being well aware of your child's difficulties while at the same time recognizing that God is all wise and merciful good and kind there are too many unwise decisions made by moms who feel sorry for their children it cripples them when they should have felt empathy for their child well in this area it's going to be a lot harder for my boy than most boys in this area it's going to be so much tougher for my girl than for most girls okay okay sympathetic moms will allow their children to miss church will allow their children to engage in clearly unchristian conduct will allow their children to dress in entirely inappropriate ways and other such things they know to be wrong you say why well they feel sorry for their kid and they want to somehow make it up to them such sympathybased decisionmaking by mothers only unravels the good training children received earlier in life do not undo in teenage years what you accomplished before they were grade school kids never feel sorry for your kid never sympathize always empathize third emphasize your personal consistency is it getting warm in here again young people misinterpret inconsistency for hypocrisy as well there's nothing young people dislike so much as they dislike hypocrisy oh young people hate hypocrisy you say why is this so because they dislike that characteristic which is most like them because there are few hypocrites as hypocritical as teenagers and immature adults to put that into church and Bible language you moms need to be faithful is it right to go to church is it right to have a prayer life is it right to have personal devotions then it is always right to go to church pray and read God's word and you should almost never miss or permit your children to miss church a couple of times a year for vacations is one thing but allowing a kid to skip church to do homework what or to go to school activities in their supposed Christian school what or to go to a ball artikel geladen, bitte warten...game are you out of your mind are you out of your ever loving mind or to go to a drag race are you crazy nitromethane spirituality is there such a thing or to go to the beach those kinds of things completely unravels a lifetime of instruction that church is more important than those other activities that is inconsistent mom don't do that and don't permit that i was once asked by a hopeful convert if there were biblical reasons for not engaging in dances pastor are there biblical reasons for not dancing i said yes there are that satisfied him he said ' Okay thanks.' He seemed uninterested in what those reasons were but he wanted to know that there were reasons and there are mom there are reasons why kids should not go to dances

reasons having to do with temptations to commit fornication reasons having to do with lewd and lascivious behavior reasons having to do with not allowing your kids to hang around kids who do that sort of thing and reasons related to the kind of adult supervision or lack thereof found at such things boy the things that used to happen at my high school growing up within 45 minutes of a dance you don't even want to know that's when cars were designed with bench seats not bucket seats you say "Well there's adult supervision." Are you out of your mind half of the teachers in the school who were chaperones were trying to make those things happen not keep them from happening be not deceived evil communications corrupt good manners 1 Corinthians 15:33 that verse literally means evil companions result in bad behavior do not let your kids hang around people who go to dances who do not go to church who are ungodly even if they are cousins unless your child under your supervision is leading that other youngster in the right direction i know I I know you sympathize with your kid who pleads to go to something you feel sorry for your kid because you cannot do for him what you would like to be able to do i know i know and that causes you to be inconsistent in your decisionmaking and in maintaining the family standards that you ought to enforce however wrong is wrong there are reasons why we oppose immodest attire and inappropriate behavior both are wrong make sure your stand against evil influences and the people who do those things is consistent mom you say "But my kids are almost grown they're 18 years old." So what what so what time magazine dated May 10 2004 page 65 part of an article on rules for parents i quote "The most important thing children need from their parents' love but a close second is structure even teenagers need rules and limits be firm but fair close quote so what do you know sometimes even the so-called experts stumble across a principle that is already found in the Bible honey as long as you live in my house you follow my rules to do otherwise you undo their training better not to have trained them at all than to train them and then untrain them and finally and this is the one that may set you off the most oppose feminism in all its forms do you remember what Beth Sheeba taught her son Solomon proverbs 3:13 "Give not thy strength unto women nor thy ways to that which destroyth kings." Let me read it again it seems to be very difficult for men with hearing issues to understand that verse because it's so frequently ignored by guys give not thy strength unto women no one can take it from you you have to surrender it and Solomon's mother's admonition was "Don't give not thy strength unto women nor thy ways to that which destroyth kings." That sounds very chauvinistic to many women

but it underlies a profoundly important concept when it comes to raising children God's plan God not mine God's plan is for males and females to occupy different but complementary roles thus if boys are to be explicitly trained how men should relate to women and they should be then girls should also be explicitly trained how to relate to men and they should be it is one thing for men to intentionally impress upon boys the proper stance of manliness the effect is all the more profound however when mothers intentionally impress upon their sons the proper stance of manliness toward women and when they train their daughters to cultivate the wisdom to desire a truly manly husband and to settle only for a man who is truly manly are you guys with me this morning are you with me this morning i'm serious i'm not joking if you're with me then you need to be with me and this is where feminism seeks to overturn the biblical order and relationships that exist between men and women especially between husbands and wives at the root of it feminism is not a movement to guarantee voting privileges for women or equal pay for equal work it is not they say it is but it's not those advances are the result of the development of Western civilization influenced by Christianity not feminism feminism is a revolt against the divinely instituted functional hierarchy in the home something that is not to any woman's advantage this is an assertion I can prove with some rather recent unpleasant but undeniable events where were the feminists when President Clinton exposed himself to an Arkansas government employee named Paula Jones i defy you to look up their astonishingly muted reactions and justifications for his conduct they did everything in their power to excuse what he did and admitted to in court and paid a fine for a settlement huge money again where were the feminists when President Clinton was taking advantage of a young intern named Monica Lewinsky the prominent feminists were as quiet as church mice when when when that wicked man was taking advantage of that foolish young woman where were the feminists when President Clinton was convincingly accused by one woman of raping him and another woman of groping her silence so loud it was deafening except for the feminists who attacked his victims where were the feminists to stick up for the young girls who are being molested and impregnated by grown men and then butchered in abortion clinics across the across the country that is going on presently where are the feminists demanding the Jeffrey Epstein client list for those engaged in sex trafficking young girls to be released for all to see the feminists are nowhere to be found when it comes to asking for that list to be released bill Prince Andrew such silence can only be explained by the fact that feminism is not really a movement to advance

the cause of women or even to protect women it is actually an anti-Christian left-wing political effort that uses women to advance a subversive agenda feminism is a leftist political effort aimed at destroying our culture and its original advocates are advocates are known atheists and communists such as National Organization of Women founder Betty Friedan she always portrayed herself as just a regular stay-at-home mom she has her entire life has been a communist operative so why should mothers be outspoken opponents of feminism in their homes at their churches because feminism over the last 75 years has contributed to the breakdown of the family unit to the willingness of foolish girls to have children out of wedlock because they don't think they need a husband or a father for their babies to the reluctance of many men to assert spiritual leadership in their homes because of the mixed signals they receive from feminist women and to the rejection of a god-ordained structure a god-ordained structure for the family unit feminism is one of the worst enemies for girls and women as well as boys and men a wise woman not only recognizes the unique relationship women are supposed to have with men but she advances her own cause by speaking against the forces that would destroy the relationship good moms will not only discourage feminist thinking in their daughters but will also point out the errors of feminism to their sons god's way for women for wives and for mothers is better than the anti-Christian unbiblical alternative that deprives girls of the generational wisdom they need to know how to properly interact with the men in their lives feminism cuts that off a feminist girl learns nothing from her mother learns nothing from her grandmother learns nothing that was passed down from her grandmother so let me wrap this up with some final comments mom remember when you talked to your babies about God and how important it was to go to church it is just as important for an 18-year-old as for a four-year-old hello do not undo what you have done remember when you dressed your little girl up in feminine outfits and bragged on her for acting the sweet little lady why do so many moms say nothing when their daughters dress like construction workers or worse as they get older "Do not undo what you have done what if there is no dad around it is likely in such cases that an adolescent daughter will be very interested in boys because every hug a girl does not get from her dad she will want to get from someone else mom anticipate that temptation talk to your daughter about not having a dad around and how important it is for her to do things right so her children will have a dad around do not undo what you have done single moms should rail against men who do not do the right thing and tell their sons what kind of men they expect them to grow up to be rail

against the foolishness of fornicating women and unwed mothers and females who tolerate men in their lives who misuse and abuse them no woman should ever tolerate a man who misuses or abuses her not even one time what lessons do such women teach their kids by not having high personal standards in their own relationships show your daughter what kind of woman you expect her to be and how important it is to you to her to her children and to her future husband for her to be a virgin when she marries do not undo what you have done do not feel sorry for your kid empathy is good while sympathy is bad talk about the goodness and greatness of God his mercy and love his holiness and righteousness his power and wisdom work hard to make sure your child never feels like God has wronged him don't undo what you have done many of you moms have gotten off to a great start with your kids i I compliment you and and I commend you let me encourage you to stand fast to hang tight to keep on keeping on make sure that you do not undo with older kids what you have succeeded at doing with younger kids by either lowering your standards for them or by lowering your standards for yourself as you get older as for raising your children in church set aside the naivety that focuses on the conflicts that are seen in every congregation there's no such thing as a congregation that doesn't have conflict where there will always be spiritual struggles in this spiritual warfare called life let's grow up what the foolish misunderstand is that those places where there is no conflict are dead zones where darkness prevails and there is no light of truth or gospel witness that penetrates the darkness things are usually quite tranquil in cemeteries this concludes my very long Mother's Day sermon that took two services to deliver my assumptions have been that my audience is moms grandmas or moms to be and that you are already persuaded about the necessity and importance of the gospel in the Christ-centered life i hope to encourage you Christian women with the examples of the mothers that I shared with you last week the mothers of Moses Samuel Solomon and Timothy and and to give you four things to do to make sure you do not untrain your children during their adolescence stress the importance of fathers even when there is no dad in the home resist the temptations to feel sorry for your child for any reason be personally consistent as a Christian woman and oppose feminism in all its manifestations god knows what he is doing amen let's pray thank you Father for this privilege i recognize it's an awesome responsibility for a preacher even one who's as old as I am to stand up and offer opinions about things and that's the reason Lord I waited so many years in the ministry before I began preaching topical sermons that consist of so much opinion what's true is

the word and opinions need to be formed by the truth of your word so I pray that you might encourage these women today by the examples shared with them last week and that my opinion warnings will stand them in good stead at present and in the future lord we are living in a war zone and this room that we are in why do people call such rooms sanctuaries these are not sanctuaries these are war zones great spiritual conflict takes place in these rooms several times a week we understand this we know this we prepare for this there can only be peace and tranquility not in the home not in the church but only in Christ and I pray that you might help us to convey this truth to our children as we seek to raise them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and as we seek to have a church that is conducive to other people's kids being raised in the nurture and the admonition of the Lord as challenging as churches sometimes are they're better than the alternative which is nothing and if people want peace at any price there's live oak cemetery but for the living there will always be conflict for the living there will always be challenges for the living there must always be a dependence upon and a reliance upon you and your grace for living and for loving and for raising children bless our moms help us to be the best possible friends to them that we can be the strongest strongest supporters of their Christian lifestyle and ministry that we can possibly provide and for this we will thank and praise you in Jesus name amen