

# Dangers Parents Should Avoid

**Introduction.** I looked the other day on Amazon for early child and teenager development. As it turns out, there are around 20,000 books on the subject. If someone could read a book per week, they would never finish them. But in a succinct way, the Bible gives us several examples of men and how they raised their children that we need to avoid. Proverbs 23:12 says, "Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge." Parents, listen to what the Bible has to say.

## ***I. Noah's Drunkenness***

- A. Genesis 9:20-25.
- B. Isaiah 5:11.
- C. Proverbs 23:29-35.
- D. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11.

## ***II. Lot's Materialism***

- A. Genesis 13:7-11.
- B. Genesis 19:1-26.
- C. Matthew 6:24-34.
- D. Colossians 3:1-4.

## ***III. Jacob's Partiality***

- A. Genesis 25:28.
- B. Genesis 37:3-4.
- C. 1 Timothy 5:21.
- D. James 3:17.

## ***IV. Eli's Toleration***

- A. 1 Samuel 2:22-25.
- B. 1 Samuel 3:13.
- C. Proverbs 23:13.
- D. Hebrews 12:7-11.

## ***V. Jehoram's Marriage***

- A. 2 Chronicles 21:5-6.
- B. Ecclesiastes 9:18.
- C. 2 Corinthians 6:14.
- D. Luke 1:5-6.

**Conclusion.** Children are a heritage (Psalm 127:3-5). A lot of us would like to go back and correct mistakes. A lot of us would like to give advice to the next generation. When reflecting on their mistreatment of Joseph, Reuben reminded his brothers that he told them years earlier, "Do

not sin against the child" (Genesis 42:22). The Bible has all the wisdom we need to help us avoid what could destroy the souls of our children.