

BASIC CAUSES OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

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FOR THE EARTH BRINGETH FORTH FRUIT OF HERSELF

FIRST THE BLADE

THEN THE EAR

AFTER THAT THE FULL CORN IN THE EAR.

MARK 4:28

IF THESE LESSONS PROVE TO BE OF VALUE TO ANY ONE, IT WILL BE WORTH ALL THE TIME AND EFFORT REQUIRED IN THE GATHERING AND COLLATION OF THIS INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PROBLEMS OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ABROAD IN OUR COUNTRY. OVER A PERIOD OF SEVERAL YEARS I HAVE JOTTED DOWN NOTES FROM VARIOUS SOURCES CONCERNING JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AND WOULD NOT THEREFORE REMEMBER ALL TO WHOM CREDIT IS DUE FOR ALL OF THIS INFORMATION. THROUGH THE STUDY OF THIS MATERIAL, I HOPE SOME PARENTS MAY GAIN SOME KNOWLEDGE THAT WILL BE HELPFUL TO THEM IN CORRECTLY REARING THEIR CHILDREN. MANY THINGS ARE SUGGESTED THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN COMBATING JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, BUT THE ONE AND ONLY THING THAT WOULD COMPLETELY ERASE SUCH DELINQUENCY IS CHRISTIANITY LIVED IN THE LIVES OF ALL PEOPLE. APPLIED CHRISTIANITY WOULD IMMEDIATELY BECOME A SOLVENT FOR ALL OF THE ILLS IN ALL OF THE WORLD, INCLUDING JUVENILE DELINQUENCY. THAT SO MANY PEOPLE STEADFASTLY REFUSE THE APPLICATION OF THIS GREAT REMEDY IS THE SAD PICTURE IN LIFE TODAY. IN MATTERS OF CHRISTIANITY, SO MANY PARENTS ARE UTTERLY DELINQUENT THAT IT HAS BEEN, AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE, A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR IN THE DELINQUENCY OF MANY OF OUR YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN. IT WILL MEAN MUCH JOY TO ME IF THIS MATERIAL PROVES HELPFUL TO SOME PARENT IN THE GREAT BATTLE OF REARING HIS CHILD IN THE NURTURE AND ADMONITION OF THE LORD.

Jess Hall, Senior

BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THE CONSTITUTION

BY

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1929

FOR THE EARLY ENLIGHTENED MIND OF THE READER

FIRST THE STATE

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John Hall, Editor

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"IF THE TRUMPET GIVE AN UNCERTAIN SOUND"

1 Cor. 14:8

LESSON ONE

*Never has there been
time when roads were
wider and wilder, nor warning
posts fewer. Our ancestors knew
their way from birth through death into
eternity. But we are puzzled about
day after tomorrow - Walter Lippman*

INTRODUCTION:

Armies directed by a trumpet. Uncertain sounds would confuse the army... Eisenhower would not know whether to prepare for battle or other duties.

*Unless we have a moral and
spiritual regeneration, we shall all
go up in a cloud of atomic dust -
Eisenhower*

A. Law is present everywhere in life. Examples:

1. Fire burns.
2. Water seeks a lower level.
3. Bodies released in mid-air fall toward the earth.
4. Results follow given cause or causes in certain order.
 - a. The given cause: "The earth bringeth forth fruit of herself."
 - b. The certain order: "First the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear." Mark 4:28.

B. Into this world of law and order the child comes. He has no idea about law. He does not know that:

1. Fire can destroy as well as warm and comfort.
2. That life demands obedience to law in many forms.

C. The greatest duty of the parent to his young child is to teach him:

1. Proper respect for his parents. Eph. 6:1-4; 2 Tim. 3:15.
2. That willing, cheerful obedience to right and just authority opens wide the door of well-being.
3. That respect for, and obedience to God's Word is a necessary part of really good citizenship.

D. If the home is a battleground, where can peace be found?

1. Screaming parents.
2. Wrangling parents.
3. Threatening parents.
 - a. "If you do that I will spank the tar out of you!"
 - b. "If you don't stop I will take my belt off and burn the seat of your pants out!"

BEATITUDES FOR FAMILIES

"Happy is the family
Whose home has the light
Of love and a cheerful spirit.
For a smile in the morning
Is the beginning of a happy day
And kind words at the breakfast table
Carry their influence through many hours.

Pleasant experiences in the home
Spread so far in the world outside
That a home of kindness and understanding
Is the beginning of a world at peace."

-Leland Foster Wood.

PROBLEMS

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WHO IS TO BE BLAMED?

LESSON TWO

INTRODUCTION

One among the lowest of moral levels to which we have fallen is the current slander of wholly blaming parents for all of the delinquency among American boys and girls. To escape blame is an age-old custom among those who are to be blamed. The Bible teaches that each shall answer for his deeds as well as for his words. See and study the following Scripture:

Concerning Idle Words: Matthew 12:36, 37
James 1:19, 26

Concerning Personal
Responsibility: Romans 14:12; Galatians 6:5;
1 Peter 4:4,5

A. PLACING THE BLAME WHERE IT BELONGS

1. Liquor and beer companies spending millions of dollars to educate our boys and girls that it is smart and manly to drink. The result:
 - a. Increased juvenile delinquency in all forms.
 - b. A growing lack of respect for law enforcing agencies.
 - c. A dislike, even hatred, for any and everything that would seek to curb the Saturnalian license of youth.

2. Tobacco companies which are constantly teaching the youth of our land that it makes a boy a "man", or a girl a "woman" when they have learned to "light up a cigarette". "If not cigarettes, at least you must use some form of our arsenic-laden ware", the Tobacco companies say.
The result:
 - a. Last year, 1958, so a report goes, more cigarettes were sold than in any previous year.
 - b. Last year, 1958, so the same report goes, more people died of lung cancer than in any previous year.

3. Radio and TV, especially TV, bringing glorified crime right into the home. Movies come in this category. Through these mediums boys and girls are taught to regard:
 - a. A bandit as a hero.
 - b. Killing as a desired method to obtain a given end.
 - c. Lewdness and nudity as artistry.
 - d. The wise crack as wisdom.
 - e. Smoking, drinking, and gambling as desired social practice.
 - f. Moral looseness as a fashionable custom.
 - g. Profanity and brutality as a mark of manliness.
 - h. The drunkard is so portrayed that he no longer excites pity but chronic laughter. -THESE TIMES

By Theodore Carcich.

ADD THIS FACT: Movies and TV shows have in a very large measure become the dupes of the tobacco and liquor industries. How many shows do you see where there is no drinking or smoking?

INTRODUCTION

One among the lowest of social levels to which we have fallen is the current state of wholly passing concern for all of the delinquency among various boys and girls. To escape blame in an age-old custom among those who are in the front, the state leaders first shall examine for his deeds as well as for his words. See and study the following writings:

- Concerning the Youth: James L. ...
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THE STATE OF DELAWARE

I. There has been a general spending millions of dollars to educate our boys and girls that it is hard and hard to think. The result: a. Increased juvenile delinquency in all forms. b. A general lack of respect for law enforcing agencies. c. A dislike, even hatred, for any and everything that would seek to curb the excessive license of youth.

2. Tobacco companies which are constantly receiving the youth of our land that it makes a boy a "man", or a girl a "woman" when they have learned to "light up a cigarette". "It is not of ourselves, as I said you had one some form of our tobacco-tobacco crop", the tobacco companies say. The result: a. Last year, 1933, no report goes, more cigarettes were sold than in any previous year. b. Last year, 1933, no report goes, more people died of lung cancer than in any previous year.

3. Radio and TV, especially TV, carrying stories which right into the home, when one in this case say, through these media boys and girls are taught to regard: a. A girl as a hero. b. Killing as a duty which is to obtain a five and a quarter and help an enemy. c. The use of force as a means. d. Fighting, fighting, and fighting as the best social function. e. Love, love, love as a feminine weapon. f. Indignity and dishonor as a part of manhood. g. The standard is so high that it is no longer worth any but a man's laughter. - THE END

APPENDIX: Radio and TV shows have to a very large measure become the main of the tobacco and liquor industries. For many shows do you see there is no drinking or smoking.

4. Schools where right discipline is lacking.
 - a. The teacher that is not capable of demanding and getting right order in the school room is an enemy to the students.
 - b. The parents who will not support the teacher in administering right discipline in the school are enemies to their children and to the public in general.
 - c. The Principal who will not back up his teachers in right discipline is an enemy to the entire school system.

5. Churches where they have substituted for God's Word:
 - a. Sandwiches and soda pop.
 - b. Dance halls and swimming pools.
 - c. A Social Gospel: A marked-down Christianity.
 - d. An over-emphasis on youth.

6. Finally, parents must accept their part of the blame.
 - a. Parents, father and mother, too busy making money.
 - b. Papa goes out one door and Mama out the other.
Children may jump out the window.
 - c. Mr Henry Rische tells the story of the mother who went to a meeting for the improvement of alleys on Monday, a meeting to discuss bird walks on Tuesday, the bridge club on Wednesday, quilting bee Thursday, a lecture on home economics on Friday. Hurrying home, late for supper, she saw a dirty little boy playing in a mud puddle. She chided him, had unkind thoughts about his parents, and asked him where he lived. The dirt-spattered boy looked at her wide-eyed, and said, "Mommy, don't you know me?"

NOTE: Something is terribly wrong when a parent becomes so involved in community projects that he has no time, either for his family or the church.

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NO KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WORD

LESSON THREE

INTRODUCTION:

It is only natural that we try as best we can to determine why some things happen as they do. At the same time we are just as eager to escape any responsibility for conditions and circumstances in which we so often find ourselves. We place the blame on "they", whoever "they" may be. Our boy could not be at fault, but the other boy is the guilty one, and responsible for the whole sordid affair. In this lesson we want to suggest some basic cause for juvenile delinquency as it is today.

- A. The basic cause is that our young people have no knowledge of God. This will go for most parents too. In Hosea 4:6 we read, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because thou has rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou has forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children." Three things suggested in this verse:
1. The people were destroyed. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."
 2. God rejected those who had rejected him. "I will reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me."
 - a. Place, office, honor, opportunities of usefulness, will be taken from us if we misuse them. Revelation 2:5.
 3. The children were lost through the unfaithfulness of their parents. "I will forget thy children."
- B. Failure of parents to shoulder their responsibility and to lead the children in right religious training, another cause in the field of juvenile delinquency. Many parents spend their time:
1. In having Sunday morning breakfast parties; Sunday noon picnics; Sunday night shows.
 2. Others at Sunday night dances, card parties, and drinking bouts.
 3. These same parents blame the preachers, Bible school teachers, and the whole church for not doing a better job in teaching their children.
- C. Building on the sand the most insidious and devastating peril to American youth. See Matthew 7:24-29.
1. To build on the sand is to build one's house without the Word of God as the foundation of that house.
- D. Neglect at home and lack of discipline a breeder of juvenile delinquency.
1. Self-expression, as practiced in many places, is conducive to rowdiness and crime. Youngsters will flaunt authority.

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BANAL INFLUENCES

LESSON FOUR

Romans 12:2

2 Timothy 4:10

James 1:27; 4:4

A. The Work of the Devil.

1. Effort to tear down the home.
 - a. Propaganda about free love.
 - b. Immoral magazines.
 - c. Comic books: blueprint for delinquency. Ninety million copies sold each month.
 - d. Commercialized divorce. Reno, Nevada an example.
 - e. Drinking: Whiskey, wine, beer.
2. Pornography on Parade. Obscene, licentious writing or painting.
 - a. Pornographic magazines.
 - b. Pornographic pictures: Photographs, films.
 - c. These have no place in Christian homes.
3. Recent raid by New York Post Office Department.
 - a. 1600 rolls of pornographic movie film.
 - b. 20,000 pornographic 35 millimeter slides.
 - c. 11,000 pornographic photographs.
 - d. 12 mail pouches, 3 cartons, of assorted pornographic materials.
 - e. The second establishment raided yielded a like amount of pornographic materials.
 - f. Pornography a \$500,000,000 annual U.S. business.
(The Knoxville Journal, May 23, 1959)
4. How we spend some of our money: A sure sign of moral decadence.
 - a. Twenty billion dollars spent on crime annually.
 - b. Compared with other spending.
 - (1) Education \$1.00 - Crime \$1.87.
 - (2) Charity \$1.00 - Crime \$5.00.
 - (3) Church \$1.00 - Crime \$10.00.

B. Overcoming Evil.

1. Abhor evil. Job 1:1; Romans 12:9.
2. Recompense evil to no man. Romans 12:7.
3. Avoid evil. 1 Thess. 5:22.
4. Overcome Evil with good. Romans 12:21.

PEOPLE USUALLY WEAR THE SIGN AND BADGE OF THE LEVEL THEY SEEK

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THE HOT-ROD: ITS INFLUENCE ON AMERICAN YOUTH

LESSON FIVE

INTRODUCTION:

What is often referred to as the "roaring twenties" would not make one little "pip-squeak" compared with the "roaring fifties" of the 'hot-rod' and the 'chicken' age. The "hot-rod" car in the hands of undisciplined American youth has been the cause for many juvenile delinquents who otherwise might have been normal, right-thinking boys. Most of the area around our high schools of today is so cluttered with "hot-rods" and other cars that it is exceedingly dangerous for one to try to negotiate his way through the area of such schools. Mr. William Condit says, "High school boys are joy-riding right out of an education." Hear Mr. Condit:

1. Sammy makes his car run and it plays havoc with his grades.
2. His stock may go up with the girls when he gets a car, but his grades are sure to go down.
3. He may quit school, or at least quit athletics, to get a job so he can keep the car going.
4. Idaho survey of students revealing:
 - a. Not a single straight-A student owned a car.
 - b. 15% of the B students owned cars.
 - c. 41% of the C students owned cars.
 - d. 71% of the D students owned cars.
 - e. 83% of failing students owned cars. (Nashville Tennessean. 2/13/59)
5. A recent study of the influences on American youth of today was conducted by the Children's Bureau. The study revealed that American youth is afflicted with at least two diseases:
 - a. "Locomotorist Intoxication in our Culture"
 - (1) The mere pleasure of driving around or being driven around by powers faster and stronger than the human body.
 - (2) They will not walk around a block if they can help it.
 - (3) To get started requires nearly a block of wheel spinning and tire burning.
 - b. "Passive-Intoxication by moving spectacles".
 - (1) Moving pictures at the theater.
 - (2) Television, sports spectacles.
 - (3) Continuous motion with dramatic patterns, accompanied by exciting sound.
6. Since we cannot remove these things from the earth, what is the answer? Parental guidance to control this medium of entertainment is the answer. This would require:
 - a. Christian fathers and mothers teaching the children to be Christians, and spending more time with their children.
 - b. Teach the children the difference between the works of the flesh and the fruit of the spirit. Galatians 5:19-26.

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THE PRESS SPEAKS

LESSON SIX

INTRODUCTION:

Usually people do not take seriously any amount of warning that may be given concerning some impending danger. The twenty-two hundred and twenty-three people who were riding the Titanic thought they were riding an "unsinkable" ship, so warnings of icebergs in the vicinity of the ship went unheeded. About midnight, April 15, 1912, a great iceberg struck the big ship with such force as to rip her side wide open. Within two hours fifteen hundred and seventeen of those people were drowned in the icy waters of the North Atlantic. Some of them no doubt would have been saved had the repeated warnings been heeded. Throughout the nation and in most every press of the nation, America and American parents are being warned of the tragedy that is sure to come as the result of an undisciplined populace among the youth of the land. Hear some of these warnings:

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation:

"We must choose between DISCIPLINE AND BARBARISM."

Suggested causes for juvenile crime:

1. A lack of respect for property on the part of many young people.
2. A lack of respect for authority as reflected in scores of headlines.

ASSOCIATED PRESS RELEASE

New York, March 11, 1959

Paducah, Kentucky Sun-Democrat.

"Middle class parents blamed for corruption of youths of today." How do parents do this?

1. By being lax with the children.
2. Giving them good allowances.
3. Failure to teach them to work with their own hands. 1 Thess. 4:11,12.
4. Trying to make life too easy for the children. "I do not want my son to have to work as hard as I did."

SAM LEVENSON

For United Press
International.

"Parents should teach children real values of life."

1. Children should be taught to know the difference between GOODS and GOOD.

NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN

April 27, 1959

1. Senate probes youth problem. Work on legislation to cope with juvenile delinquency rise.

HARRY GARRETT OF LONDON, ENGLAND

THE JUVENILE CRIME

CHAPTER XIX

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It is a well-known fact that the juvenile crime problem is a worldwide phenomenon. In the United States, the number of juvenile delinquents has increased steadily over the past few decades. This is due to a number of factors, including the breakdown of the family, the influence of the media, and the lack of proper supervision. The juvenile justice system is currently overwhelmed with cases, and the courts are unable to provide the necessary rehabilitation for these young offenders. It is time to take a closer look at the causes of juvenile crime and to find effective ways to prevent and treat it.

- 1. A lack of respect for authority as reflected in a sense of hostility.
- 2. A lack of respect for property on the part of many young people.

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HOW TO MAKE DELINQUENTS

LESSON SEVEN

INTRODUCTION:

Most of our discussion, up to this point, has concerned some reasons why there is so much juvenile delinquency abroad in the land. As we come to this part of our course, it would be wise to point out some things that will, if all others fail, certainly make and produce the largest and most dangerous group of juvenile delinquents that the world has ever known. This formula is infallible. Consider the following:

1. Be sure that you do not give your children any religious training. By your example teach him to ignore the Word of God and neglect to assemble at the meetings of the church.
2. Be sure that you take good care of his material-bodily needs.
3. In your child's presence:
 - a. Don't be respectful of womanhood. Belittle "dames".
 - b. Be sure to belittle the law and government.
 - c. Speak disrespectfully of the police and all public officials.
 - d. Speak disparagingly of the school and all the teachers.
 - e. Talk, in an ugly spirit, about the church, preacher, elders, deacons, Bible school teachers, and any or all of the members.
4. Be sure to humiliate your child in the presence of friends. He is sure to lose his respect for you.
5. Refuse to have any constructive discipline. Disagree with your wife or husband in the presence of the child. Let the parents "fight it out" in the presence of the child so the child will know who is "boss".
6. Be sure to criticize departed guests in the presence of the children.
7. Do not open up your home to the companions of the children; they will simply muss up the place. The house is too hard to clean up. Get the brats out in the street to play. Never be concerned about where or with whom the children spend their free time.
8. Be sure that your home does not become the center of cheer.
 - a. Make it a dumping ground for your grouches and pet peeves.
 - b. The father and mother in the home should growl, spit at, fuss and verbally fight with each other.
9. If the above methods do not make your child a delinquent, try the following:
 - a. Be sure to forget the promises that you make to your children.
 - b. Let the children know that they have no sense of appreciation.
 - c. Never praise your child for his worthwhile effort.
 - d. Be a poor example yourself.

ACC survey

No A students with cars below Jr. Level

Less than 10% B students

90%+ of failing men students have cars.

Avg - One car per 1.5 students.

This information to me by Fred Smith