"WOE TO THE WORLD BECAUSE OF OFFENSES!"

Matthew 18:1-7



- Teaching the little ones about God,
 His commandments and ordinances
- Reminding them of God's love and pointing to His wonders and marvelous economy
- 3. Handing them the faith and guiding them to the way of salvation



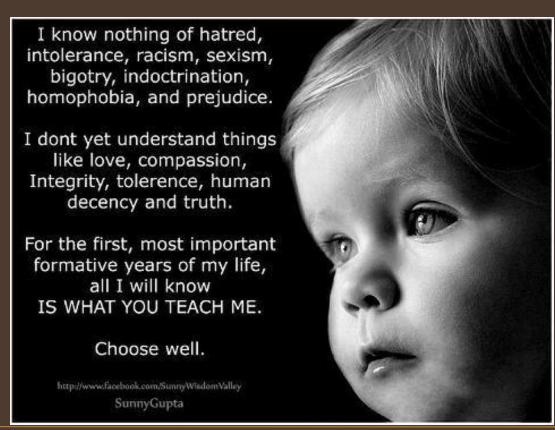
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- 4. Planting them in the church, teaching them about Her order and rites, and guiding them to love other members of the Body of Christ
- Setting boundaries and the limits for them
- 6. Training them in the way of life
- Nourishing them with spiritual love
- Securing an atmosphere free from offenses



COMMON OFFENSES IN

PARENTING



1. WAITING TOO LONG BEFORE STARTING THE PROCESS

- * "But Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them'" Matthew 19:14
- The Law of circumcision



2. INDIFFERENCE TO THE FACTS OF FAITH

* "But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed"
Galatians 1:8

"If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him"



2 John 1:10

3. ABSENCE OF THE REMEMBRANCE OF GOD AT HOME

- The pot of Manna and the stones from the Jordan River were kept for an everlasting memorial.
- The extreme busyness and distraction in today's homes
- The intellectual faith, void of life
- God who is confined to the church or limited to an icon on the wall



4. THE DISFIGURED IMAGE OF GOD AND THE CHURCH

- God who waits for my mistakes to punish me!
- God who is separated from my world!
- The church which wants to control my life and know my secrets!
- God and the church seen as limitations to my freedom!!



5. THE NEGATIVE EXAMPLES AND ABSENCE OF CLEAR BOUNDARIES

- The exposure of the children to inappropriate shows on TV and the absence of supervision
- Exchanging obscenities among family members
- Retaining the causes of stumbling at home!
- The double life trend!



6. ABSENCE OF A CLEAR AND BIBLICAL IDEA ABOUT WHAT LOVE IS ABOUT

- Love as defined and shown by God is not about what I may receive, but what I can give: The Sacrificial Love
- Love is not a reaction of an emotion, but rather a commitment and life governed by the mind and the conscience.
- True love protects and guards others.

