

Text: Genesis 4:1-15
Topics: Anger, Discipline, Sin
Series: Building Families God's Way

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Families Beware!

I. Contracted (1-5)

*A new start...
Offerings...
The anger...
Cain's heart was not right!*

Always address the heart!

II. Confronted (6-8)

*Questions...
Warning & Solution...
Outcome...
Cain wouldn't be corrected and was overcome by sin.*

Confront sin, give warning and direction.

III. Consequences (9-15)

*Question & answer, round two...
Discipline administered...
Unacceptable response...
Mercy given...
Cain was upset about his punishment, but not his sin.*

Consequences are essential, reform is variable.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. Can you think of an example of sin in your family that caused a great deal of pain? Was it the result of parenting failure, or a rebellious individual?

2. How many body parts are referred to in Proverbs 4:20-27? What is the overall gist of this section?

Why is verse 23 especially significant? How is it related to the other verses?

Write down 1-2 practical ways you can apply verse 23 to your life and family.

3. What is God trying to tell His people in Jeremiah 17:7-10?

Why is it important to always be aware of the nature of the heart (verse 9) apart from Christ?

Give an example of how knowing this helps you and your family.

4. Read 1 John 1:5-10. What does God want us to do and why? What are we warned not to do?

How would you instruct parents to help their children learn to practice what these verses teach? (See also Proverbs 28:13 & Psalm 32:5)

5. What good results from discipline do you see in Hebrews 12:4-11?

What wisdom for applying discipline to children can you see in this passage?

6. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?