

“Raising Modern-Day Knights”

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Leading With Power

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- **And that’s when I’m not even nervous or excited!**

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- **2nd thought: How can I compare with past LWP speakers?**
 - **CEOs**
 - **NFL all-pro players**
 - **Doctors**
 - **National Marriage Experts**
 - **Olympic Athletes**

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- **Hmmm...Moses complained, too...**

But Moses pleaded with the LORD, “O Lord, I’m not very good with words...I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled.” Then the LORD asked Moses, “Who makes a person’s mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak...? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say.” – Exodus 4:10-11

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- **I guess I *have* read books, taken and taught classes, listened to podcasts, raised 5 kids and 100 Boy Scouts...**

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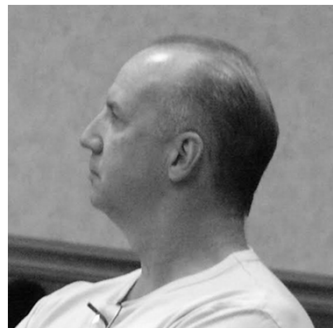


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"Oh, are they having trouble finding speakers this year?"

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Ground Rules

- **I won't tell YOU what to do; I'll just tell you what WE have done**
- **We can DISAGREE and still be friends! (In fact, I can guarantee you'll disagree with SOME of what I say today.)**

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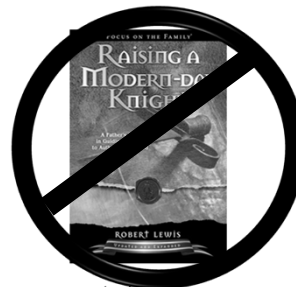
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- **Target audience: Fathers of young boys**
- **You may not have had a good dad**

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- **"The most important thing a father can do for his children is to LOVE THEIR MOTHER."**

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- **Love permeates everything**
 - **It's not "love vs. discipline"**
 - **It's discipline = function(love)**

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What about the classic list of priorities?

- 1. God – it's being, not doing**
- 2. Wife – still more being than doing**
- 3. Kids – there's a beginning/middle/end**
- 4. Career**
- 5. Hobbies**

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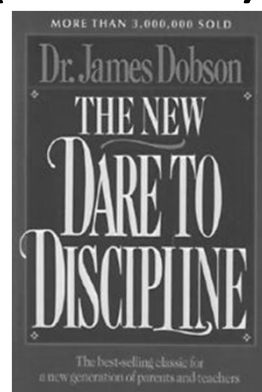
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- **Fatherhood is your MOST IMPORTANT JOB!**
- **Therefore, you must HAVE A STRATEGY!**
 - **Do you have a strategy for Fantasy Football? For hunting? Quartet schools? Racquetball videos?**

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Fatherhood: Priority, Strategy

- **Developing a strategy:**
 - **Do your homework ("research")**
 - **Read books**
- (LWP Motto:
"Leaders Read;
Readers Lead")**



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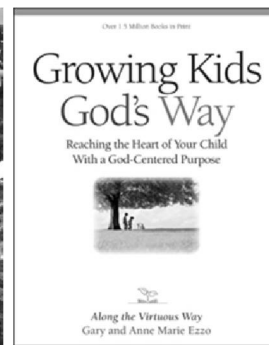
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Classes:

“Growing Kids God’s Way”

(Dale Poynter)

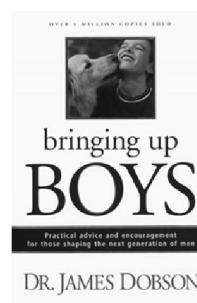
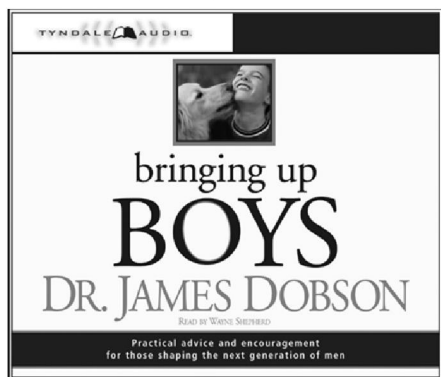


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Classes:

“Bringing Up Boys”

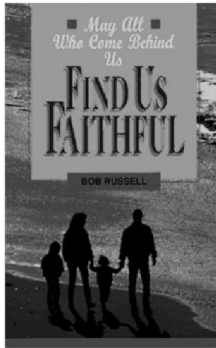


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Classes:

“Find Us Faithful”



(Dennis Wolf)

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Classes:

Marriage & Parenting Sunday

School classes (Keith & Terri Tompkins)



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 - **Take classes**
 - **Watch other parents**

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Watch other parents:
Dick & Connie Carpenter

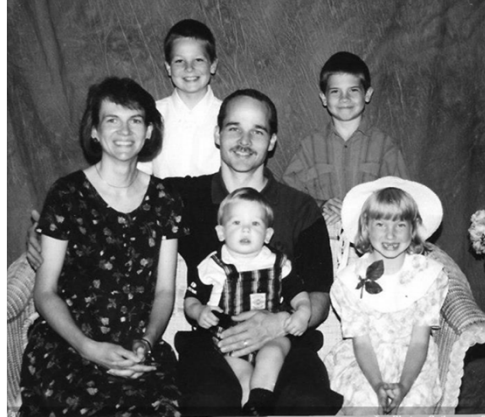


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Watch other parents:

Dave & Sue LeMay



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 - **Hone your observation skills (& communicate with your wife)**

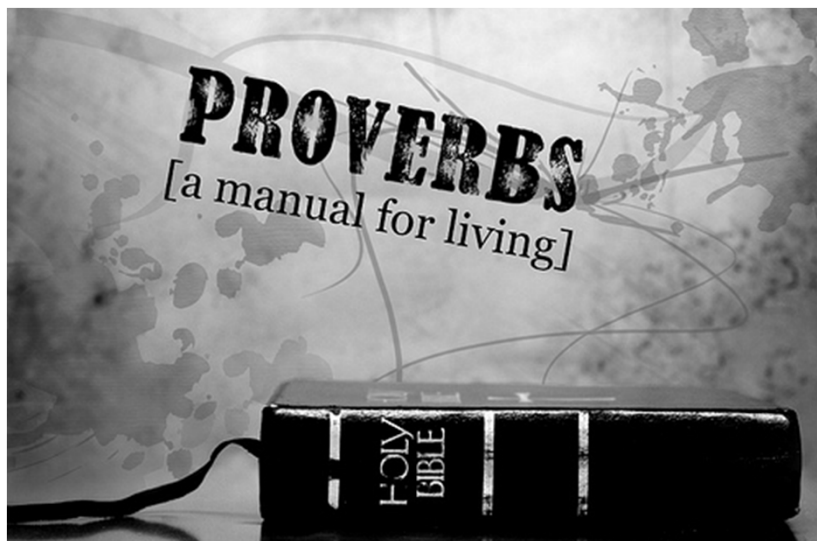
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Proverbs 22:6

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- Developing a strategy:
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- “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” – Prov. 22:6**

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More accurate: “Train up a child according to his bent...”



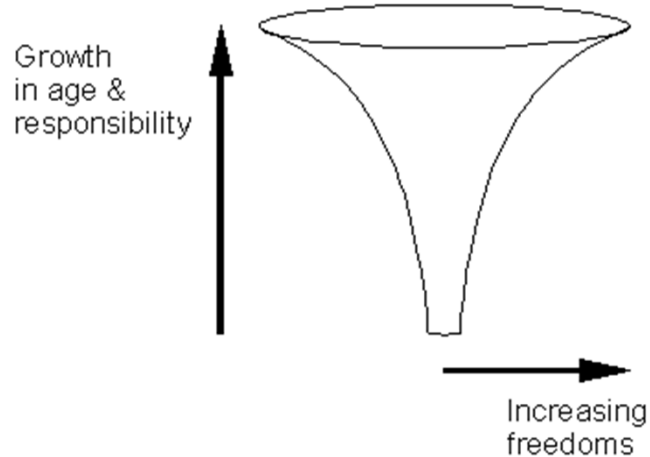
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 - **Parent “within the funnel”**

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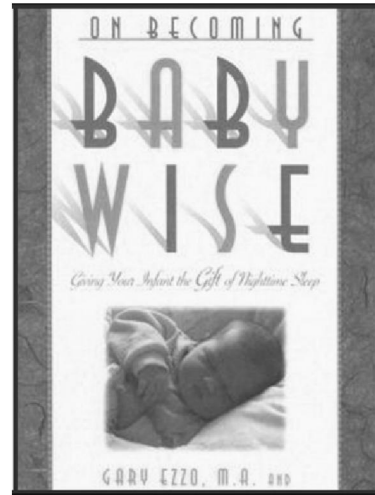
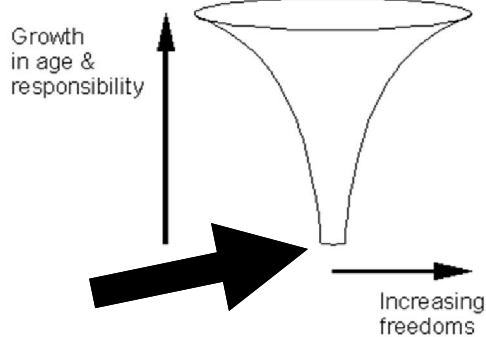
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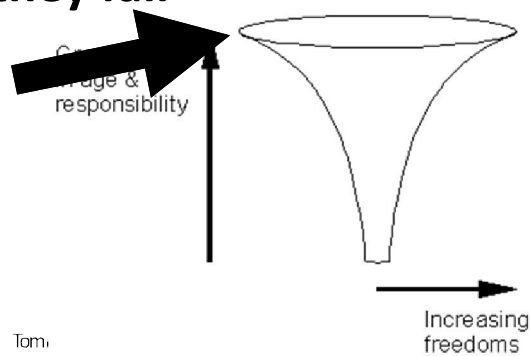
- When to start? Very early!



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- When to end? When they're still at home (e.g., senior year of high school)...then you'll be there to help catch them if they fall
- (bike trips!)



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 - Your STRATEGY depends on YOUR GOAL!

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Jim Haley and waxing skis

Ski-go RACING WAX TABLE **Ski-go**

SNOW TYPE	COARSE SNOW ARTIFICIAL SNOW		OLD SNOW		NEW SNOW	
	<60%	>60%	<60%	>60%	<60%	>60%
Rel. Humidity Temp C/F °						
+15 to +5C +59 to +41F	C242 LF +C22	C242 HF +C22	C242 HF +C22	C242 HF +C22	C242 HF +C22	C242 HF +C22
+5 to 0C +41 to 32F	C242 HF mixed with Violet HF + C22 Fluid	C242 HF mixed with Violet HF + C22 Fluid	C242 HF +C22 Fluid	C242 HF +C22 Fluid	C242 HF +C22	C242 HF +C22
0 to -4C +32 to +25F	Ultima HF +C44 Fluid	Ultima HF +C44 Fluid	Yellow HF mixed with Ultima HF + C44	Yellow HF mixed with Ultima HF + C44 alt C105	Yellow + C55/C	
-4 to -8C +25 to +18F	Violet LF	Ultima HF +P16	Blue HF + C360	Blue HF/Yellow HF mixed + C54 Fluid or C55/C99 Fluid alt C105	News +C55/C	
-8 to -12C +18 to +10F	Ultima LF alt. P16	Ultima HF +P16	Blue HF + C360	Blue HF (alt. Ultima HF) + C55/C99 Fluid	Blue	
-12 to -25C +10 to -13F	Blue LF + P16	Blue LF + P16/C75	Blue LF + C380	Blue LF + C75	Blue	

Always use graphite as the bottom underlayer because it is so durable. You don't need to use graphite for races only up to 2.05m. Fluids create a protective surface for the powder waxes. Fluids are for aggressive snow, and powders are for newer and flatter structured snow.

Tap with C22 blue
Tap with C44 blue
Tap with C55/C99 blue
HF = High Fluore
LF = Low Fluore



WAX AND EDGING EQUIPMENT



● 100% necessary ● Useful to do a good job ● To do a really good job ● Only needed if you have progs

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Jim Haley's skiing:

- **Goal: maximize speed in races**
- **Strategy: Spend a half hour perfecting waxing technique every time he skis**

Tom Arneberg's skiing:

- **Goal: Increase heart rate, and slow me down on those scary downhill**
- **Strategy: Buy waxless skis, and apply rub-on glide wax once a year**

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What's our GOAL in parenting?

- **It's NOT to give our kids what they WANT**
- **It's NOT to make our kids "happy"**
- **It's NOT to minimize hassle**
- **It's NOT even to raise great kids!**

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Our goal: To raise kids who become great ADULTS!

- **Specifically, self-supporting grown-ups who love God and want to follow His will, who are an asset and not a drain to those around them.**

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This means they know how to LEAD OTHERS and ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY and WORK HARD.

Their WORK ETHIC and SELFLESSNESS and INTEGRITY is much more important to us than their accomplishments.

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What does it mean to “love God”?

- **“Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching.” – Jesus (John 14:23)**
- **“I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.” – Jesus (John 3:3)**

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- **So, now that you know our GOAL, what is our STRATEGY? See the rest of this talk.**

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Shelter from the world's culture

- **Ellen Goodman's column (around 1993?)**
 - **Parents can no longer raise kids to conform to our culture.**

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- Middle schoolers' priorities:
 1. Popularity
 2. Sports
 3. Academics
 4. Character

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<u>Culture</u>	<u>God's Plan</u>
1. Popularity	1. Character
2. Sports	2. Academics
3. Academics	3. Sports
4. Character	4. Popularity

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Shelter from the world's culture

- **Our strategy:**
 - Stay-at-home mom
 - Christian school until 8th grade
 - Very few sleep-overs (even limit play-overs)
 - No organized sports 'til 5th grade; then 1/yr
 - No Facebook until 2nd semester high school
 - And probably our biggest one...
 - **NO TELEVISION! (gasp)**

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Create the culture you want

- **African missionaries**
- **Read to the kids every night**
- **Create a reading environment**
- **Dinner together every night**
- **Good music on the whole-house stereo**
- **Boredom leads to CREATIVITY**
- **More time for hobbies**
 - **Juggling, knitting, ping pong, accordion**

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Create the culture you want

- **Carefully selected movies**
- **Limit isolation (bedroom, headphones)**
- **Piano lessons, grades 3-7**
- **Marching Band in high school**

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Create the culture you want

● BE INVOLVED IN A LOCAL CHURCH!

- **Awana, Youth Group, Youth Choir, Boy Scouts, Sunday School**
- **We chose our house location after finding our church when we moved here**

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Create the culture you want

● Manners: Behavior precedes attitude

- **"Interrupt rule"**
- **"David, please pass the salt." (set a timer)**
- **Swearing in our Boy Scout troop**
- **"Rosie Moment" at the dinner table**

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- **Discipline**
- **Kids must learn how to WORK!**
- **Strong-willed child?**
- **Adventure/independence**

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Discipline

- **Air Force Academy: “Before you learn how to LEAD, you must first learn how to FOLLOW.”**



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- **Discipline is NOT YELLING! (All kids deserve a peaceful home.)**

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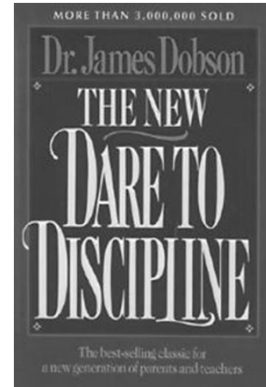
- **Dr. Kevin Leman:
“Have a New Kid by Friday”**



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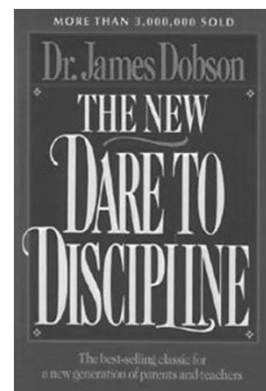
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- **Dr. James Dobson**



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Discipline

- **Dobson on spanking:**
 - **Only from 1.5 – 5 years old**
 - **Must be consistent and predictable, reacting to a deliberate act of disobedience**
 - **Always in private**
 - **Always talk and pray first**
 - **Always hug afterward – it can be a beautiful restoration**



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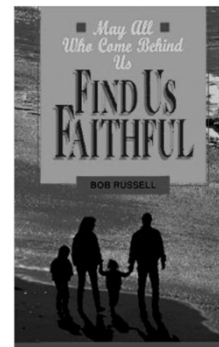
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- Kids must learn how to **WORK!**
- Strong-willed child?
- Adventure/independence

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Learning how to WORK

- "Find Us Faithful" – Sunday School class taught by Dennis Wolf

- One of the biggest problems (unique to our era) is that there is not enough work to do!
- One solution proposed by this book...



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Learning how to WORK

● But first, let me ask:

- Do you think that good health is a gift from God?
- Would you like MORE of this gift?
- Do you think that financial success is a gift from God?
- Would you like MORE of this gift?
- Do you think CHILDREN are a gift from God?
- Would you like MORE of this gift?
- Simple: HAVE MORE KIDS!

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Learning how to WORK

● Wake-up call: Ben at Nick Wallace's



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Learning how to WORK

- Wake-up call: Ben at Nick Wallace's
- Chores: clean bathrooms, vacuum, trash, dinner table, kitchen
- Need to develop the HABIT and DESIRE to work! (Jasper unloading dishwasher at Thanksgiving)
- Kids cleaning up the table in 6-7 minutes
- Sometimes my biggest job is restraining Beth

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Learning how to WORK

- Pay market rates for big jobs like mowing the lawn (no riding mower or snowblower)
- The money must MEAN something!
 - Younger kids: gifts for birthday parties
 - Older kids: cell phones
 - Even older: CARS!
 - School trips

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Learning how to WORK

- They need to learn how to handle the money they earn:
 - Age 3: Larry Burkett's "Giving Bank":
 - Saving
 - Spending
 - Giving



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Learning how to WORK

- **They need to learn how to handle the money they earn:**
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 - **Age 8: Real checking account**
 - **Age 12: Debit card (YIKES!)**

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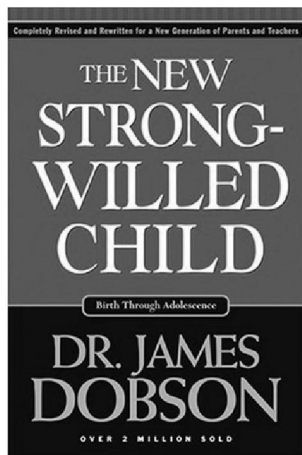
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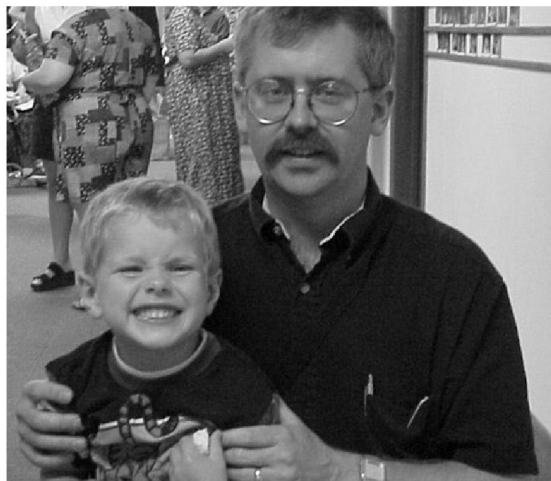
Strong-willed child

● Emily (Haley) Mason



Strong-willed child

● David Arneberg (“spunky monkey”)



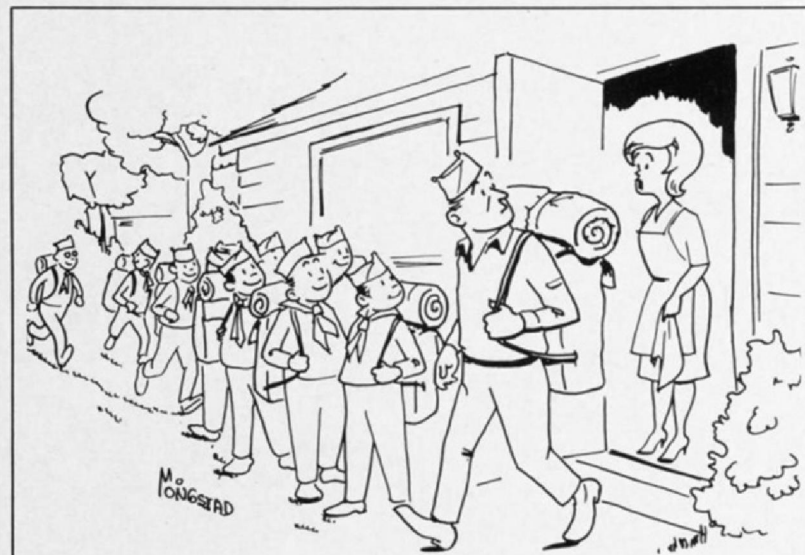
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- Adventure/danger/independence
(important for older boys)

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Adventure/Independence



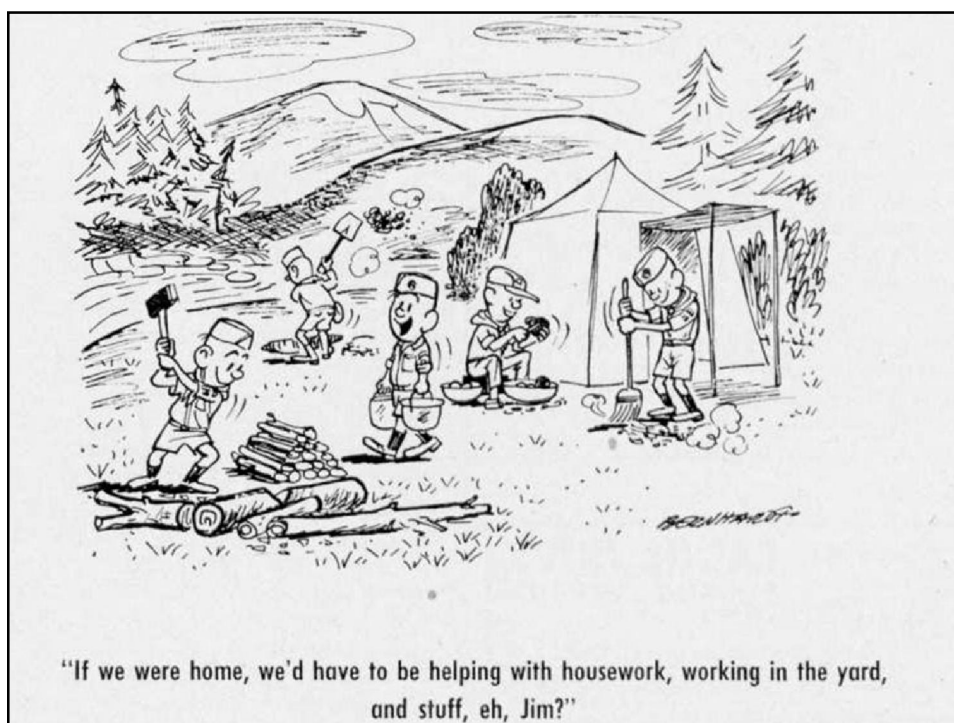
(2-minute video: Using adventure and danger in training a modern-day knight)

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Adventure/Independence

- **Boy Scouts of America**
 - **Adventure: camping, biking, canoeing, backpacking, traveling**
 - **Patrol Leader/Senior Patrol Leader**
 - **Ranks:**
 - **"Modern Day Knight": Page boy -> Squire -> Knight**
 - **BSA: Tenderfoot -> 2nd class -> 1st -> Star -> Life -> Eagle**
 - **Royal Rangers, Christian Service Brigade**

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Adventure/Independence

- Boy Scouts – big milestones:
 - "Wilderness Survival" Merit badge
 - Order of the Arrow "Ordeal"
 - "Zero Hero"
 - N. Tier/
Philmont/
Rayado



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Purposely build character

- Blue Angels pilot: “What was my biggest accomplishment in life?”



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- Intro
- Fatherhood: Priority, Goals, STRATEGY
- Shelter from world's culture
- Create your own family culture
- Purposely build character

EXTRA CREDIT!



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- Drove to all 48 states over the years with five kids
- Lots of big high-adventure trips
- So far, 4 out of 4 are independent by 20

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Conclusion

- The hard thing is that "success" means they leave – but NO REGRETS
- "Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from Him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them."

– Psalm 127:3

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Conclusion

- **The last thing you want is to REACH THE TOP of the LADDER of SUCCESS...only to find that it's leaning against the WRONG WALL!**
- **So make it a PRIORITY to clarify your GOALS, and then come up with your STRATEGY. Fatherhood is the most important job you will ever have.**

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