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Parenting: Young Kids and Old Kids

No matter how old our children are, we are likely to make 4 mistakes when we talk with them:

1.) We give answer to questions they are not asking.

empathy (I care)

what happened? (let them tell their story)

how can I help?

if ask, what to do, use CTL (share experience, describe learning, STOP talking!)

2.) We talk when we should be listening

understand versus agree/disagree (second response)]

James 1, quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger [or react in any way].

3.) We make decisions when we should be guiding THEIR decisions

teach them how to decide

the example of college students.

4.) We think of “parental authority” in worldly ways, instead of Godly ways.

Wrong thinking about “obedience” definition.

Wrong thinking about apologies (speck in brother’s eye); it starts with us, as does any form of reconciliation.

This will NOT undermine our authority; it will enhance it (and provides good role modeling; Steve – watching everything you do)