

Lessons from the Heart

Losing your first tooth

By Pastor Todd Ladd



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We had an amazing event happen at our house recently, earth-shaking in fact. My son lost his first tooth. It was a grand and glorious, as well

as, scary event. For my son to realize that something was going to fall off of his body made him question how safe he actually was.

We, as adults, remember those moments when our children experienced that change and chuckle. We may even remember when we ourselves lost some teeth. As children that is and not as adults. We know that it is a

part of life. It is part of the growth process and that children need to grow in order for their permanent teeth to come in.

Growth is a natural part of the way God designed life. We were never meant to stay little. We are designed to grow into maturity. Often times we forget that about our life in Christ and about life in general. We feel safer if things stay the same and never change. We feel better if we never have to adapt to a new technology that will make life better. We feel better not having to accept and understand someone from a different culture who is now our neighbor. Those changes are scary but they are a part of growth. And healthy growth is good.

The alternative is to only focus on ourselves and our needs and shrink inward. That results in a stunted growth and eventually wilting and death. That is the opposite of what God desires for our life. He calls us to be fruitful and multiply so that we can give God the glory.

I believe that God wants us in our churches and our homes and even in our county to be ready for growth. We know that there are many things that need addressed in our community. Growth will help us address them. Let's face it, we have an issue with meth in our county and we have an issue with poverty, as we grow we can address these issues and help Carroll County become a better place for our families.

By the way, the tooth fell out easily and with little trauma and there happened to be a small gift under the pillow the next day. My little boy is growing up and that is good.

Todd Ladd is pastor at the Delphi United Methodist Church.

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...and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Matthew 4:9 Pd. Adv.

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FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

By Dr. James Dobson

Proper parenting requires balance of discipline and love

QUESTION: I like your idea of balancing love with discipline, but I'm not sure I can do it. My parents were extremely rigid with us, and I'm determined not to make that mistake with my kids. But I don't want to be a pushover, either. Can you give me some help in finding the middle ground between extremes?

DR. DOBSON: Maybe it would clarify your overall disciplining goal to state it in the negative. It is not to produce perfect kids. Even if you implement a flawless system of discipline at home, which no one in history has done, your children will still be children. At times they will be silly, lazy, selfish, and yes, disrespectful. Such is the nature of the human species. We as adults have the same weaknesses.

Furthermore, when it comes to kids, that's how it should be. Boys and girls are like clocks; you have to let them run. My point is that the purpose of parental discipline is not to produce obedient little robots who can sit with their hands folded in the parlor thinking patriotic and noble thoughts! Even if we could pull that off, it wouldn't be wise to try.

The objective, as I see it, is to take the raw material with which our babies arrive on this Earth, and then gradually mold them into mature, responsible and God-fearing adults. It is a 20-year process that will bring progress,



Dr. Dobson

setbacks, successes and failures. When the child turns 13, you'll swear that he's missed everything you thought you had taught ... manners, kindness, grace and style.

But then maturity begins to take over and the little green shoots from your former plantings start to emerge. One of the richest experiences in life is to watch that blossoming at the latter end of childhood.

QUESTION: You place great emphasis on instilling respect during the developmental years. Why is that so important? Do you just want adults to feel powerful and in control of these little people?

DR. DOBSON: Certainly not. Respect is important for several very specific reasons. First, the child's relationship with his parents provides the basis for his attitude toward every other form of authority he will encounter. It becomes the cornerstone for his later outlook on school officials, law enforcement officers, future employers, and the people with whom he will eventually live and work. Teachers, for example, can tell very quickly when a boy or girl has been allowed to be defiant at home because those attitudes are brought straight into the classroom. Again, relationships at home are the first and

most important social encounters a youngster will have, and the problems experienced there often carry over into adult life.

Second, if you want your child to accept your values when she reaches her teen years, then you must be worthy of her respect during her younger days. When a child can successfully defy your authority during her first 15 years, laughing in your face and stubbornly flouting your leadership, she develops a natural contempt for everything you stand for. "Stupid old Mom and Dad!" she thinks. "I've got them wound around my little finger. Sure they love me, but I really think they're afraid of me." A child may not utter these words, but she feels them each time she wins the confrontations with her mom or dad.

Third, and related to the second, respect is critical to the transmission of faith from one generation to the next. The child who disdains his mother and father is less likely to emulate them on the things that matter most. If Mom and Dad are not worthy of respect, then neither are their morals, their country, or even their most deeply held convictions.

Send your questions to Dr. Dobson, c/o Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903; or to his Web site at www.family.org. These questions and answers are excerpted from books authored by Dr. James Dobson and published by Tyndale House Publishers. Dr. Dobson is the founder and chairman of the board of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home and Judeo-Christian values. Copyright 1997 James Dobson, Inc. All rights reserved. International copy secured.

DIRECTORY OF AREA CHURCHES

SS=Sunday School SW=Sunday Worship

- AMERICAN UNION NON-DENOMINATIONAL:** Vernon Stingley, pastor. SW: 10 a.m.
- BRINGHURST UNITED METHODIST:** Larry DeVos, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.
- BROOKSTON CHURCH OF CHRIST:** 206 N. Prairie Street, Brookston. Ron Guzman, minister. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- BUCK CREEK UNITED METHODIST:** 4915 Ferret St., Buck Creek. Joe Hornick, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:15 a.m.
- BURLINGTON FIRST BRETHREN:** 205 W. 8th St., Rev. Dr. Peter Roussakis, pastor. SW: 10:00 a.m., SS: 9:00 a.m.
- BURLINGTON CHURCH OF CHRIST:** Tim Pohlman, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m. & 6 p.m., Children's Church: 10 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m., Youth Groups: 6 p.m.
- BURLINGTON UNITED METHODIST:** Rev. Chuck Rocky, pastor. SS: 10:50 a.m., SW: 9:30 a.m.
- BURNETTVILLE FIRST BAPTIST:** Second & Main, Burnettville. SW: 10:00 a.m., SS: 11:15 a.m.
- BURNETTVILLE CHRISTIAN:** Sixth & Washington, Burnettville. John Wright, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.
- BURNETTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN:** First & Main, Burnettville. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.
- BURROWS PRESBYTERIAN:** SS: 10:30 a.m., SW: 9:30 a.m.
- CALVARY CHAPEL CARROLL COUNTY:** Will be meeting at the Delphi Middle School gym on Monroe Street. The worship service begins at 10:30 AM. All are welcome!
- CAMDEN UNITED METHODIST:** Dan Gottschalk, pastor. SS: 9 - 9:45 a.m., SW: 10 a.m. Sun. Nite Praise 6:02 p.m.
- CLYMERS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** 4003 W 400S. Clymers Kevin Drane, pastor. SW: 10:30 a.m. SS: Same as worship.
- COLBURN ROAD BAPTIST:** Bill Cadle, pastor. SS: 10 a.m., SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- COLBURN UNITED METHODIST:** Kasey Schnepf, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:20 a.m.
- COMMUNITY BIBLE MINISTRIES:** 1/2 mile north of SR 22 on CR 1150W. Patrick Kamm, pastor. SS: 9 a.m. SW: 10:15 a.m.
- CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN:** 3570 E 200S, Bringhurst, Dan C. Butcher, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m. SS: 10:30 a.m. Youth group 6:30 p.m., Bible study Wed. 6:30 p.m.
- CUTLER PRESBYTERIAN:** SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.
- DEER CREEK UNITED PRESBYTERIAN:** Highway 29 in Deer Creek. Rev. Cheryl Montgomery, interim pastor. SW: 10:30 a.m. SS: 9:15 a.m.
- DELPHI CHRISTIAN CHURCH:** 315 E. Main St, Delphi. Andrew Paris, minister. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:45 a.m. Wed. Bible study: 7 p.m.
- DELPHI CHURCH OF CHRIST:** 405 Cottage Street, Delphi. Sunday Bible study: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 & 6 p.m., Wed. Night 7 p.m.
- DELPHI COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD:** 321 W. Main Street, Delphi. Rev. Virgil Moss. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- DELPHI PENTECOSTAL:** Hwy. 25 East, Delphi. Tim Stewart, pastor. SS: 12:45 p.m., SW: 2 p.m.
- DELPHI UNITED METHODIST:** Union & Monroe Streets, Delphi. SW: 8:45 & 11 a.m., SS: 10 a.m., Todd Ladd, pastor; Micah Hudson, youth pastor.
- DELPHI WESLEYAN:** North Union Street, Delphi. Rich & Carol Schneck, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- EASTLAWN UNITED METHODIST:** SR 24 & Logan Street, Idaville. Ernie D. Elder, Jr., Pastor. SW: 10 a.m., SS: 9 a.m.
- FAITH CHURCH OF CHRIST:** SR 29, Burlington. Steve Cole, minister. SW: 9:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. a.m., SS: 11 a.m., Wed. Bible study 7 p.m.
- FAITH LUTHERAN:** CR 800 N, west of Hwy. 29. Thomas J. McShannock & Sandy Hutchens, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:10 a.m.
- FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH:** Hwys. 29 & 26, Middlefork. Jim Anderson, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- FIRST APOSTOLIC CHURCH:** U.S. 421 North, Tippecanoe Township. Gilbert R. Ingram, pastor. SW: 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD:** US 421N., Pittsburg. Brent Oliver, pastor. SW: 9:30 am, Wed. Family Night: 7pm
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CAMDEN:** Chad Hoeman, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:45 a.m., Sun. Youth Service 5:30 p.m. Sun. Bible study: 7:30 p.m.
- FIRST BAPTIST:** Indiana & Franklin Streets, Delphi. William Glenn, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:** Main & Indiana Streets, Delphi. Rev. Louis Sandos. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.
- FLORA FIRST BAPTIST:** 115 W. Columbia Street, Flora. Interim pastors. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.
- FLORA FIRST BRETHREN:** 115 N. Washington Street, Flora. Dan Herendeen, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.
- FLORA FIRST CHRISTIAN (Disciples of Christ):** S. Center Street, Flora. Pamela Ditson-McCall, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.
- FLORA GRACE BRETHREN:** 103 S. Willow St., Flora. James Franklin, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m., Wed. Prayer Service: 7 p.m.
- FLORA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:** 211 S. Center St., Flora. Charles Compton, pastor. SW: 10:15 a.m.
- FLORA UNITED METHODIST:** 107 E. Main Street, Flora. Larry DeVos, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:15 a.m.
- FLORA VALLEY VIEW SOUTHERN BAPTIST:** Route 2, Flora. Bill Godbey, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- GRACE MISSIONARY BAPTIST:** 1101 Dreifers Ave., Delphi. Joe Whitehead, pastor. SS: 10 a.m. SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- HICKORY GROVE CHURCH:** CR 700 W., Jefferson Township, Ken Smith, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.
- HILLSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST:** Hwy. 22, 2 miles E. of Burlington. Doyle Buckner, pastor. SS: 10 a.m., SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- IDAVILLE CHURCH OF GOD:** 11073 E 50 N, Idaville. Keith Raderstorf, pastor. SW 8:30 & 10:30 a.m., SS: 9:30 a.m.
- JUBILEE FELLOWSHIP:** CR 50 N, Flora. Scott Gamel, pastor. SS: 9:00 a.m., SW: 10:00 a.m.
- LIVING FAITH CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN:** 310N 250W. Jeff Tomson, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.
- LIVING STONE CHURCH:** Meets at the Freedom Center in Delphi. SS: 11 a.m., SW: 9:30 a.m. contact (765) 589-3507
- LOCKPORT NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH:** East of Patton. Nord Zootman, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. Sun. Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.
- LOWER DEER CREEK CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN:** CR 300 N, SE of Camden. SW 10:15 a.m., SS: 9:00 a.m.
- MT. ZION INDEPENDENT BAPTIST:** 102 N. Connelly Street, Delphi. Alfred Smith, pastor. SS: 10:15 a.m., SW: 9 a.m., & 6 p.m.
- OAK GROVE CHRISTIAN:** 11810 N & 900 W, Monticello. Interim pastor, Don Arterburn. SW: 10 a.m.
- PINE GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH:** Crooked Road, 1 mile E of Delphi. Justin Wagner, pastor. SS: 10 a.m., SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- PITTSBURG MISSIONARY BAPTIST:** John Wagner, pastor. SS: 10 a.m.; SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Bible Study: Thurs. 6:30 p.m.
- PLEASANT HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:** 5490 North SR 39, Frankfort. Donna Enerson, pastor. SS: 9:45 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. Everyone welcome.
- PYRMONT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN:** Pastor. Howard Hendrickson. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:15 a.m.
- RADNOR CHURCH:** Ed Selvidge, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.
- ROCKFIELD CHRISTIAN:** Bob Cree, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.
- ROCKFIELD PRESBYTERIAN:** SW: 9:30 a.m.
- ROSSVILLE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP:** 5434 W State Rd 26, Rossville, IN. Rev. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:20 a.m.
- ROSSVILLE UNITED METHODIST:** Main & Gaddis Streets, Rossville. Rick Jones, pastor. SS: 9:15 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.
- SHARON AMERICAN BAPTIST:** St. Rd. 29, Carrollton Township. James Lund, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.
- ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC:** 207 N. Washington Street, Delphi. Peter Vanderkolk, pastor. SW: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH:** 1301 S. Washington St., Delphi. Dale Larson, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.
- ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN:** Church & Cumberland Sts., Camden, 2 blocks West & 1 block North of SR218 and SR75. Dale Larson, pastor. SW: 8:30 a.m., SS: Same as Worship.
- WHIRLWIND MINISTRIES:** meet at Burrows Fire Department, Greg & Michelle Britt, pastors. SW: 9 a.m. (574) 652-2280
- YEOMAN UNITED METHODIST:** Dave Inskip, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.

Announcements

CARROLL COUNTY CHURCH MINISTRIES will meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 11 in the Camden First Baptist Church to elect a president and vice president.

Cutler Presbyterian Church will host a "COMMUNITY FUN NIGHT" on Sunday evening, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m. "Banjotales," a program of storytelling and music, will be presented by Dan LeMonnier. The public is invited.

GRACE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH will hold homecoming services Sunday at 10 a.m. Special singers will be the Chriswells from Indianapolis and Brother Claton Terry from Muncie.

DELPHI MOMS IN TOUCH will begin their 13th year of praying together Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 1301 S. Washington St. in Delphi. The group will meet throughout the 2006-07 school year on each Monday students in DCSC are in

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