

Positive results of Bill Sanders Parenting program

The Art of “OPPORTUNITY PARENTING” video series

THE NEED FOR PARENTING SKILLS IS GREAT!

“Too many teens today are in **trouble with alcohol and other drugs**. They’re **sexually active** earlier in life, which may lead to **teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases**. They’re becoming more **violent**—more likely to get into **fights**, carry **weapons**, and get hurt or hurt someone else. They’re having more **school problems**; many **can’t pass basic competency tests**. They’re becoming more **depressed**. **Untreated depression is the #1 cause of suicide**—and suicide is the third leading cause of death among teens, after **unintentional injury** and **homicide**.”

- Source: Based on surveys of almost 100,000 6th—12th grade youth in 213 communities across the United States during the 1996—97 school year.

A Study Of 133 Families Found:

Youth who have **close relationships with their parents** are more likely than other youth to be **emotionally healthy**.

- Source: Journal of Early Adolescence 16 (1996), pages 274—300.

Parents need skills taught in OPPORTUNITY PARENTING to combat today’s problems

A comprehensive national survey on the ethics of young people showed:

Cheating. 71% of all high school students admit they cheated on an exam at least once in the past 12 months (45% said they did so two or more times).

Lying. 92% lied to their parents in the past 12 months (79% said they did so two or more times); 78% lied to a teacher (58% two or more times); more than one in four (27%) said they would lie to get a job.

Stealing. 40% of males and 30% of females say they stole something from a store in the past 12 months.

Drunk at School. Nearly one in six (16%) say they have been drunk in school during the past year (9% said they were drunk two or more times).

Propensity toward Violence. 68% say they hit someone because they were angry in the past year (46% did so at least twice), and nearly half (47%) said they could get a gun if they wanted to (for males: 60% say they could get a gun).

- Source: The 2000 “Report Card on the Ethics of American Youth,”

A comprehensive national survey on the ethics of young people, Josephson Institute of Ethics.

“I will try to walk a blameless path, but how I need your help, especially in my own home where I long to act as I should.” Psalm 101:2

WHAT PARENTS WILL LEARN IN “OPPORTUNITY PARENTING”

- Parents are responsible for the atmosphere of the home.
- Values and Morals filter down from the parents to the children.
- Parents need to be people of their words. They learn to be authentic.
- There is a time for teaching and a time for nurturing. When to speak and when to listen.
- How to encourage their children and make them feel special.
- Kids who are successful and feel good about themselves have someone in their corner believing in them.
- How to identify problems and make the needed changes.
- How to ask for forgiveness, regroup and move forward.

LOOK WHO’S TALKING

“EXCEPTIONAL! BEST PARENTING COURSE

our church has ever seen.”

Jesse Boggs, Pastor

Northgate Church, Pittsburgh, PA

“BEST WORKBOOK I’ve ever seen. We’ve had 8 SESSIONS IN 2 YEARS. Parents keep telling their friends”!

Doris Howard, Dir of Family Life

Central Christian Church, Wichita, KS

“One of the BEST TEACHING TOOLS ever used in this church. Relevant. Practical. Funny. Real. From infants to teens, PARENTS LOVE IT!”
Rev. Danny Janes Kalamazoo Wesleyan Church, Kalamazoo, MI

“Opportunity Parenting is full of real situation examples and useful suggestions. A solid parenting resource.”
JAY KESLER

“Opportunity Parenting has a beautiful blend of the emotion of love and the practicality of logic, which combined give beautiful insights- even wisdom- in dealing with our kids. Scripturally sound and lovingly written.”
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“Bill knows parents and their kids. If, as a parent, you have a hard time talking to your kids, yell at them in frustration, find it difficult hugging, trusting, or forgiving them, this program is for you. A MUST FOR EVERY CHURCH IN AMERICA!”
Josh McDowell

WHAT PARENTS HAVE TO SAY

“It’s never too late; the mistake of the past can be teachable moments now. Letting our kids know that God is faithful even when we as parents make mistakes. God is not done with me yet. I now ask for their prayers to be a better dad. There is a time for a hug!”

Jan Hutchinson

“I learned that if there is something we didn’t like about the way our parents raised us, we could be doing the same thing with our children. But we can make changes now and it’s never too late. *Carol Hutchinson*

“Wow! How exciting. Bill Sanders was honest enough to bear his feelings and failures that helped me understand what I need to do with my kids. I am very encouraged for the future and the relationship that I can have. It’s never too late.

Bob Hingst

I'm so glad we decided to take the Art of Opportunity Parenting class. I need to take it every 6 months, so I won't forget anything. I'll never forget that my kids are more important than things and the difference between nurturing and teaching." *Teri Hingst*

"We had an event with our 16 year old son the same week as the lesson which should have been a murmuring moment but turned out as a scolding session. Because of the lesson, we have been able to work through the issues. *Paul Dohm*

Your video series affected me on many levels. I saw my own weaknesses, spiritually and as a parent and how they affect our son. I instantly became aware of how I respond to mistakes and what I can do to change. Thank you for being so honest and vulnerable yourself. We appreciate you." *Linda Lickey*

"We have now established our foundation to raising our children the way God wants us to." *Brent and Susan Geschwentner*

"I'm a single mom. The films encouraged me to be consistent, loving, and forgiving. I now give hope by helping my kids emotionally." *Bev Wells*

"I appreciate Bill sharing his own struggles in raising kids. Instead of feeling overwhelmed in needing to change and apply new principles. I feel motivated and not condemned for not practicing them already. I appreciate him teaching through stories."

Rhonda Mann

"Opportunity Parenting means that God has placed our children here and has given us opportunities to raise and admonish them to be Godly. We have had so many opportunities arise since we started the class." *Gail Hoch*

"I've been encouraged to be friends with my children's friends. I've found out that I knew their names and what they looked like but I didn't know them. I now have the opportunity to guide my kids and their friends." *Kevin Copas*

"Bill helped me recognize some of the bad habits I let creep in that I learned from my parents. I re-evaluated my "style" of parenting and changed some things." *Rick Raines*

“I needed to be reminded of the fact that the past is under grace. I must not dwell on it. I now focus on the opportunities that lie ahead.” *Kathi Staton*

“Bill Sanders puts himself on our level. His sense of humor, sincerity and the ability to touch hearts and lives has helped me look past my failures as a parent, the mom God can help me be.” Julie

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