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Train Them Up, But Don't Mess Them Up

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Guest speaker, Pastor John Amanchukwu, is a bold and passionate advocate for children, families, and truth. Pastor John became prominent in the public eye when he stood up to Virginia school boards who were allowing pornographic books in their libraries, even recently speaking to our Murfreesboro City School Board. He is a rising voice exposing the racist ideologies of abortion and critical race theory. In Nigerian (Igbo), John's name, *Amanchukwu*, means *I Know God*, and he shares his passionate message as someone who does, indeed, know God—spreading God's truth zealously and without fear. *This study shares excerpts from part two of Pastor Amanchukwu's sermon*.

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GOD IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE CHILDREN

God takes our children's rearing, raising, and tutelage very seriously. As parents, we should have the same mindset. In our quest to bring children into the world, we should model Hannah's heart toward her son, Samuel (1 Samuel 1:2-2:21), rearing our children in the admonition of the Lord. The Bible has not changed the perspective of what we should do as parents: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

** What are some key values or principles that you believe are essential to pass on to the next generation? How can you intentionally model and teach these values to children?

PARENTS ARE NOT ALONE IN TEACHING THEIR CHILDREN

We're not the only ones teaching our children and giving them wisdom, counsel, and understanding. It's been said that it takes a village to raise a child today, but we need to be careful which villages we send our children to. Some villages are perverted. Some villages hate the God of the Bible. Some villages seek to corrupt the very sincere nature of a child's heart with the express purpose of setting them on the wrong path. Be careful which village you allow your child to be reared and influenced by because Marxist revolutionary USSR leader, Vladimir Lenin declared: "Give me just one generation of youth, and I'll transform the whole world." And "Give me four years to teach the children, and the seed I have sown will never be uprooted." 1930's German theologian and defender of the Jewish people, Dietrich Bonhoeffer offered this insight: "The ultimate test of a moral society is the kind of world that it leaves to its children."

** List some of the "villages" people send their children to today. What makes a "village" trust-worthy? What characteristics would make a "village" unsafe for a child? What can we do to make every "village"—including those our tax-dollars support—safe for our children's minds, bodies, and spirits?

LOCAL ISSUES

Pastor John recently addressed the Murfreesboro City School Board regarding a library book offered to ages 4-8, entitled *It Feels Good to be Yourself*. The book jacket announces: "Some people are boys. Some people are girls. Some people are both, neither, or somewhere in between." Therein is the indoctrination—"the intentional plan, nationally, to mentally rape our children and sodomize their minds." There are not enough people who understand what's going on in our schools, and it's time for us to wake up, see, and understand what we are contending with. We also need to understand the power of using our voices. Amanchukwu reported that, in this case, the board voted to remove this book from the bookshelves! There are still many books assaulting God's truth available to our youngest among us—intentional attacks on the Word of God and the timeless wisdom we are trying to instill in our children.

** How can we recognize when someone or something is pushing an evil agenda? What are some common tactics or strategies used to promote those agendas?

FACTS & NUMBERS

Accused by liberal media for focusing on "fringe" issues, Amanchukwu contended: "In 2021, the American Library Association Office for Intellectual Freedom reported that 1,597 books were found to be problematic by parents, not just one measly book or two books ... and eight out of ten of these books were flagged due to sexually graphic content and

the indoctrination of LGBTQ ideologies. A 2017 report by the US Department of Education estimated that nearly one in ten students is subjected to some form of sexual misconduct from school officials or teachers during their K-12 academic career. To put that into perspective, there are roughly 50 million children in America's public schools. This means that nearly five million children will experience some form of adult sexual misconduct before they graduate from high school. This is not a fringe issue!" "Our targeted goal needs to be ridding our school systems of the godless diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) agenda that has sought to corrupt the very fabric of America."

** What is the difference between "book banning" and offering age-appropriate books to students? When is it appropriate to remove a book from a school library?

WHAT DOES GOD'S WORD SAY ABOUT GENDER?

- God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. Genesis 1:27, KJV®
- "And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female." Matthew 19:4, KJV®
- But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. Mark 10:6, KJV®
- ** How would you describe a godly man? What is the difference between true masculinity and "toxic" masculinity? How can the Church challenge our culture's trend toward emasculating boys and men?

DEI—A FALSE TRIUNE IDOL

Pastor Amanchukwu states: "We're equal, but God is no respecter of persons, mainly because we are one blood—different ethnicities, but one blood. Christ sees us equally at the foot of the cross. But it's what a man does with the breath that's in his lungs that determines that man's final destination. So, DEI is a false triune idol. It mimics the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In DEI, you have diversity, equity, and inclusion.

** Pastor John said that DEI is a false idol. How would you define idolatry, and where do you see it manifested in our culture today?

THIS IS A SPIRITUAL BATTLE

This is a spiritual battle. "There are demonic forces that have been released all over this land that seek to annihilate us, to back us into corners and make us feel the spirit of fear."

But Paul told his protégé, Timothy: "For God hath not given us the **spirit of fear**; but **of** power, and **of** love, and **of** a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7, KJV®

And the Apostle John counsels the Church: *Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome* **them**: because greater **is he** that **is in** you, **than he** that **is in the world**. 1 John 4:4, KJV®

** How can Christ-followers help deconstruct harmful systems or ideologies in America? What personal actions or changes can we make in our daily lives to promote positive change?

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we repent of our indifference to what is happening in our culture. We've been silent as those with ungodly agendas have looted our nation because they were, in turn, giving us some of their loot. Forgive us that our greed, envy, and covetousness has rendered us silent. We have been cowards in the face of the spirit of antichrist, and we come to acknowledge our sin and choose a new path. Holy Spirit, give us boldness to speak the truth, to stand for the truth, and to acknowledge evil. When we see it in our spheres of influence, we will not be bribed. We will not be silent. We will not turn aside.

Father, once again, may we see the name of Jesus lifted high in our schools, hospitals, courtrooms, and especially in our churches. Thank You that His name will be exalted, Your Word honored, and Your principles embodied in the values that we hand to our children and our grandchildren. We thank You and we praise You for it. May You be pleased with this generation. In Jesus' name, amen.