

Rebel in the Home

So you are a parent who has been hurt by the defiance and anti-family stance of your rebel teenager.

Millions of good mothers and fathers have felt they are in the same pressure cooker!

The heat has been turned up, and it seems that everything is about to explode.

Well, it isn't time for you to quit. Not yet – and here are some reasons why:

First, you are not to blame for the temperament with which your child was born.

He is simply a tough kid to handle, and your task is to rise to the challenge.

Second, though you are facing a problem you have never had to deal with before – an unruly teenager with an inclination to test the limits and scale the walls – remember that he too is facing a problem he has never had to face before, namely, how to cross safely from childhood to adulthood.

Third, how we wish our child would respect God's command, "Children obey your parents . . . honour your father and mother" (Ephesians 6. 1-2)

But do we honour and obey God ourselves?

Let's pray for His healing power in our lives, so that He can exercise His own parental role as our loving heavenly Father.

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