

Welcome

to

Encourage

MEN

Protecting our Children

An

Intentional

Journey

PROTECTING

But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

Matt, Mark, Luke

I. PROTECTING

A. From Abuse

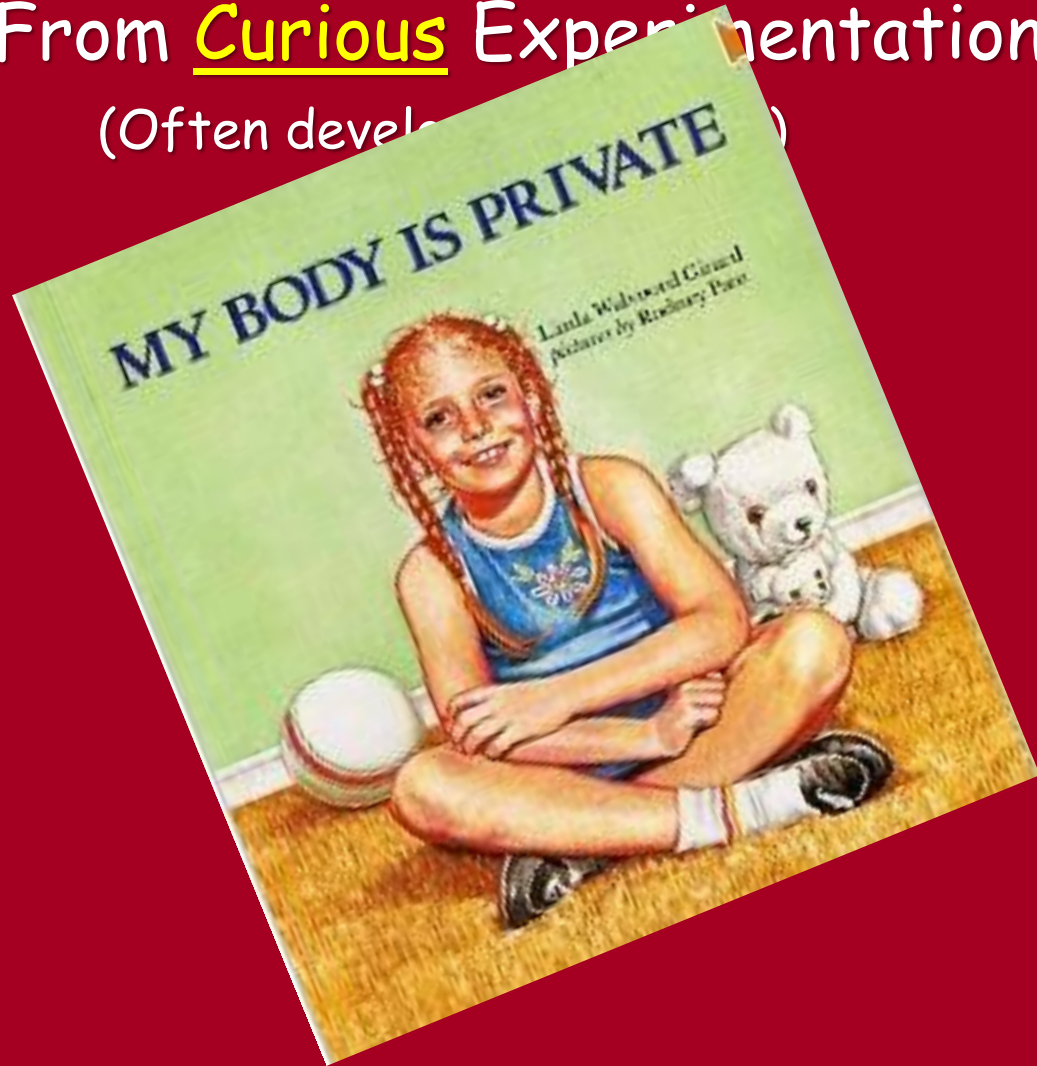
sexuality awakened before its time

1. From family

- 1 in 3 girls experience sexual abuse
- 1 in 5 boys experience sexual abuse
- 75-80 % from someone they knew
(In our environment - close to 100%)

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2. From Curious Experimentation
(Often develops into sexual abuse)



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3. From Pornography

- Prepare them for 1st exposure
Average age 11

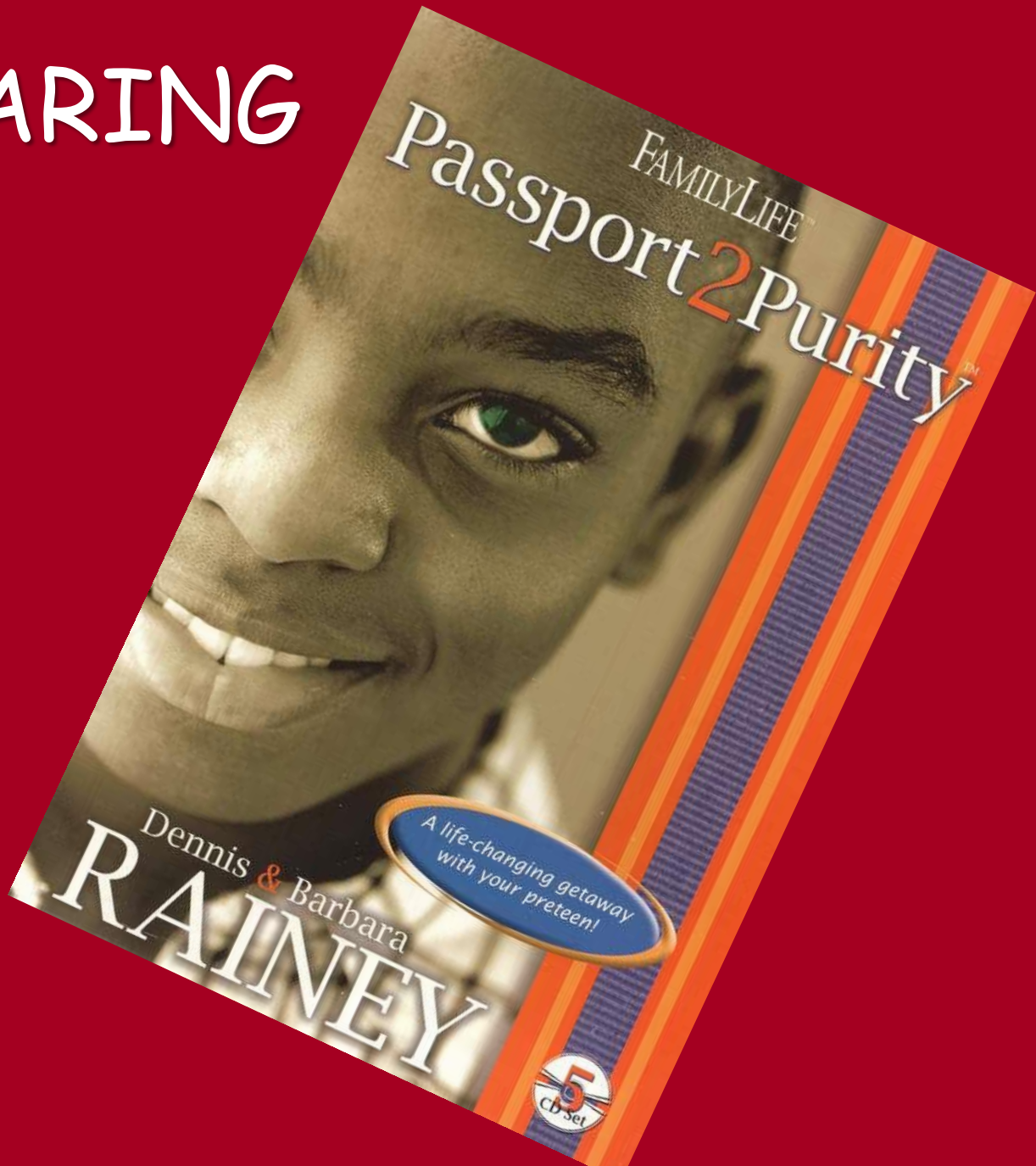
(Which means that half are below that age !!!)

II. PREPARING

A. Understand Changes

1. Hear it early
2. Hear it appropriately
3. Hear it accurately
4. Hear it progressively
5. Hear it from Dad & Mom

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III. Providing

A. Security

1. Parents loving each other
Unconditionally
2. Children loved Unconditionally
3. Fathers protect your children with affection
and affirmation

Guard against **Conditional Acceptance** based on **Performance**

- Creates rejection
- Creates fear - cannot measure up
- Creates a spirit that cannot rest
- Creates sibling comparison
- Creates a judgmental attitude

Home & Church must keep:

- performance and acceptance separate
- discipline and acceptance separate

The operating principle of religion is

"I obey therefore I am accepted"

The operating principle of

the gospel is

"I am accepted therefore I obey."

PREPARING

B. Instill a Vision for Manhood/Womanhood

(Repetitive caring communication)

1. God has a plan

He has designed you to become a man/woman

He has purposed (His goal, His reason for giving you life) is for you to become a strong man/woman with purpose

Boys -

A protector, A provider, A leader

ALL women are safe in their presence

Ps 101

I will sing of your mercy and justice;
to you, O LORD, I will sing praise

I will be careful to lead a blameless
life - when will you come to me?

I will walk in my house with
blameless heart. I will set before my
eyes no vile thing

The deeds of faithless men I hate;
they will not cling to me. Men of
perverse heart shall be far from me;
I will have nothing to do with evil

Whoever slanders his neighbor in secret,
him will I put to silence; whoever has
haughty eyes and a proud heart, him will I
not endure

My eyes will be on the faithful in the land,
that they may dwell with me; he whose
walk is blameless will minister to me

No one who practices deceit will dwell in my
house; no one who speaks falsely will stand
in my presence

Every morning I will put to silence all the
wicked in the land; I will cut off every
evildoer from the city of the LORD

Men, You must be the
undisputed
GENTLE
head of the home

*Only strong men
can afford to be
GENTLE*

Covenant Relationship

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law
by becoming a curse for us,

He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

Gal 3:13-14

Christ met the **CONDITIONS**
of the covenant

So God could love us
UNCONDITIONALLY

Prov 1:10-15 My son, if sinners entice you, do not give in to them. If they say, "Come along with us;

..... **My son, do not go along with them,
do not set foot on their paths**