

# When to Raise Your Voice I is yelling ever appropriate for parents

## I. Vital Groundwork

- We cannot hope to know the mind of God if we go to His Word with preconceived notions. Let the Bible speak for itself.
- We cannot hope to know the mind of God if we go to His Word with an axe to grind.
- Apply a biblical hermeneutic. Hermeneutics is something we all do when we read the Bible because it has to do with how we interpret it.
- Please understand that some of the conclusions you come to about the topic of parental-voice-raising will not be “Gospel-truth.”
  - **Commands** are clear Biblical mandates. They don’t change, and you have to do them. For example, “*Don’t provoke your children to anger.*”
  - **Principles** are generally drawn from examples. For example, “Reprove a wise man, and he will love you.”
  - **Convictions** are personally held beliefs that you base on biblical commands and principles.
  - **Standards** are rules we create to help us keep our convictions.
  - **Preferences** are things we believe please God, but have no biblical basis for. For example, I prefer not to shop at Target. That would be a preference.
  - And then **Hang-ups** are the negative version of Preferences — they’re things we believe very strongly, even though we have no biblical basis for it, but which also get in the way of clear biblical commands or are allowed to hinder my relationships with others. Any time a personal preference causes us to disobey a clear command or principle — we have a serious problem.

## II. Commands that Apply to Raising Our Voices

- *Be in Control* (Titus 2:1-8; Proverbs 4:23; Ephesians 5:18)
- *Be Loving* (Ephesians 4:15)
- *Be Angry without Sin* (Ephesians 4:26; Proverbs 22:24; Proverbs 29:22; Colossians 3:8)
- *Be Gentle* (Colossians 3:12; Colossians 4:6)
- *Be Patient* (Galatians 5:22; Ephesians 4:2)
- *Be Peaceful* (Mark 9:50; Matthew 5; Romans 12:18; Romans 14:19)
- *Be Joyful* (Galatians 5)

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### III. Principles that Apply to Raising Our Voices

- Proverbs 15:1 informs us that, “*A soft answer turns away wrath.*”
- Proverbs 29:11 explains that only a fool gives “*full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back.*”
- Proverbs 17:19 reveals that, “*Whoever loves transgression loves strife.*”
- **The Principle of Divine Shouting**
  - *Shouting in Joy* (Psalm 20:5; 32:11; 33:1; 35:27; 65:8; 66:1; 71:23; 81:1; 132:9; 136:16; Ezra 3:13)
  - *Shouting in Triumph* (Psalm 60:8, 108:9)
  - *Shouting in War* (Joshua and Gideon)
  - *Shouting in Prayer* (Acts 7:60; Mark 15:14)
  - *Shouting in Preaching* (John 7:37, 12:44)

### IV. An Illustration that Applies to Raising Our Voices

- Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19, John 2
- “*The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold pigeons, ‘Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.’ His disciples remembered that it was written, ‘Zeal for your house will consume me.’” John 2:13-17*

### V. Final Questions

- **Why are you angry?** If I’m angry, it must be motivated by the same zeal that Christ had for His Father’s temple. It must never be motivated by annoyance, impatience, or a lack of self-control.
- **Why are you yelling?** There are very appropriate times to raise our voices. For example: is a car careening toward your out-of-reach child? But beyond that, I’ve developed some personal standards based off my study of Scripture and believe that there is only one time that is appropriate for me to raise my voice when talking to someone.