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From my notes on the Shawn Bain series:

**On the subject of letting younger children adopt the cute-sexy apparel that is readily available:** "Do not start something you will have to stop later..."

**On the subject of parent-teen struggles:** "It's like tug-of-war. Your daughter comes through the kitchen on the way out the door wearing something inappropriate and provocative. You tell her to go change. She sighs and tells you she hasn't time because she'll be late for school. You pull, she pulls. The issue is: who will pull harder? Parent, whatever you do... DO NOT let go of that rope!"

**On the subject of fearful parents:** "Some parents want their kids to 'fit in' with the world more than equipping them with the faith they need to live in it."

**On the subject of children entitlement:** "Some parents cater to the 'entitlement attitude.' They give in to whatever their kids demand or whatever the world says they have to have. The entitlement attitude doesn't work in government and it doesn't work in parenting."

**On the subject of hypocrisy:** "Young people complain about the hypocrisy of their parents. However, some of them attend our camp and...do the same thing. For one week they become spiritually-minded only to go home and go back to suggestive postings on social media. Isn't that hypocritical? You can't talk about adult hypocrisy when you do the same thing."

**On the subject of urgency:** The question is asked in **Luke 1:66:** *'What will this child turn out to be?'* You have to ask that question early. It's a little late to start asking it when they turn thirteen."

Thank you, Shawn and Diane Bain for your life experience with your own and with hundreds of others. And thank you for your courage to challenge us. I recommend this eye-opening series.

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