

Discussion Questions
Why Can't I Get My Kids To Behave?

Chapter 5

'First Things First'

1. Why is the two-parent role model best for kids?
 - If you are a two-parent home, is there a single parent family that has the same age children as yours that you could become friends with to try and encourage and be an example to them?
 - What kind of things would stop you from doing this?
 - If you are a single parent family, what two-parent family could you become friends with that would be a good role model for your kids?
2. What is in the baggage you brought into your marriage?
3. What is in the baggage your spouse brought into the marriage?
4. What common beliefs do you have on how to raise your kids?
5. What different beliefs do you have on how to raise your kids?
6. What are some of the ways you make your marriage a priority? Name one thing you can do this week to show your spouse and children your marriage is the most important relationship in the home.

7. What is your temperament? What is your spouse's temperament?
- What differences in these temperaments are causing problems in your marriage?
 - How is your marriage benefitting from the strengths of both your temperaments?
8. How do you feel if you make a parenting decision about your children's behavior and your spouse doesn't agree with you and won't support you or back you up?
9. How do you make your spouse feel special? Name one thing you can do this week to show your spouse he/she is the most important person in the family.
10. What steps would you be willing to take to get on the same parenting page with your spouse?
11. From the list of how to fight fair with your spouse, what one-two things can you work on?
12. What influence do you think your parents have had in the way you live and parent?
- Describe how you tend to copy your parents way of parenting.
 - Describe what you do so you don't parent like your parents did.
13. Do you think your children will want to parent their children the same way you are parenting them?
14. Name one thing that was the most helpful in Chapter 5 that you can begin implementing with your children. How will you begin working on it?

