

# Pointers For Parents

## Advice And Encouragement For Parenting Boys

(NAPSA)—Boys will be boys is a saying often voiced with a sigh.

But what does it mean to be a boy in a world filled with violence, lack of boundaries and conflicting rules of behavior?

How can parents shape the next generation of men? A new book, *Bringing Up Boys* (Tyndale House Publishers, \$22.99) by Dr. James Dobson, offers parents some common sense, biblically-based principles for guiding boys to adulthood.

Dobson is the author of two million-selling parenting books, *The Strong-Willed Child* and *The New Dare to Discipline*. In *Bringing Up Boys*, Dobson tackles the questions that parents of boys ask.

In a warm and compelling style, he redefines the characteristics of boys. He offers encouragement and advice to help boys rediscover the rewards of honesty, integrity and masculinity.

Dobson offers insights on such issues as gender definition; the role of parents and grandparents; the special challenges of single moms; the influence of education; and the effects of modern crises including divorce and violence.

The author shows how changing our expectations and actions toward our sons can be based on a solid foundation of spiritual and ethical foundations.

According to Dobson, much of the trouble we are having with children has to do with their isola-



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**A new book offers good advice on raising good boys in a post-modern age.**

tion and detachment from their parents.

“Boys typically suffer more from these conditions than do girls,” said Dobson, founder and president of Focus on the Family. “Why? Because boys are more likely to get off course when they are not guided and supervised carefully. Today, when the culture is in a tug-of-war with families for control of our children, we can’t afford to be casual about their care and training.”

A licensed psychologist and marriage counselor, Dobson served for 14 years on the faculty of the University of Southern California School of Medicine and is the founder of Focus on the Family.