

Lessons from a Dysfunctional Family  
Genesis 37  
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Dysfunctional refers to the sense of disintegration produced in a family where there is a lot of hurt. From a Christian perspective, it's a home that's not functioning the way God intended.

Consequences of a parent who shows favoritism:

1. Sibling Rivalry
2. Feelings of rejection
3. Feelings of jealousy
4. Blind arrogance

Lessons from Joseph's dysfunctional family:

Lesson #1: Parents must resist passivity and remain active in their child's life.

Lesson #2: Parents must avoid, at all costs showing favoritism to one of their children.

Lesson #3: No response is more cruel than jealousy.

How do you keep your child involved in church once they graduate out of the youth group?

1. Must attend corporate worship regularly.
2. Must be in a small group Bible study.
3. Must serve in some way.
4. Parents must be actively involved in their lives.