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Leading Your Children is Loving by Triston Jacobsohn, Lander WY, January 2012

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The January 4th Lander Journal's "Best of the Beat" recorded some of the stranger calls to police. Some were hilarious – like the man who reported a roll of paper towel stolen; but some calls were tragic – like the 3 callers reporting the boys aged 4, 6 and 11 whose parents could not control them.

What has happened to parenting? When I grew up I knew my parents were in charge, and I now I am thankful they were. Today, too many parents just don't seem to know how to lead. They want to be friends, but children don't need more friends, they need parents who love and protect them.

Consider when you go to a doctor, do you want a friend, or do you want someone who does their job properly? Good parents do their jobs properly by leading their children in love. Furthermore, just as a good doctor knows more about medicine than the patient, so parents know more about life than their children. That knowledge and the desire to protect children should motivate parents to lead well.

Parents you must lead. Your children need that from you. Leading IS loving.

To the parents who abdicate their responsibilities, you are setting this terrible precedent: if you don't discipline your children, one day the courts may have to.

Solomon wrote: *"Discipline your son, for there is hope; do not set your heart on putting him to death"* (Proverbs 19:18).