Building a Defense System for Our Children Charles Stanley

I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Ephesians 6.
- B. Children are born into warfare, so we should build a defense system to protect them.

C. Children are born into an ungodly, unstable, unrestrained, unashamed, and an independent world.

D. Each child must learn whether to follow God or the devil.

E. Our children will be inundated with comforts threatening their spiritual well-being.

II. Ways to build a defense system.

A. Physically.

- 1. The body must be respected.
- 2. It is a temple of the Holy Spirit.
- B. Emotionally.

1. There must be security in the home. Parents ought to be in the home—it should not be always empty.

- 2. There must be a sense of worthiness. Children should not feel constantly criticized.
- 3. There must be a sense of confidence developed.

C. Spiritually. Each child must understand his worth before God because of Christ's death for him and the Spirit's sealing and indwelling.

Application questions:

1. What are some things that the body must be protected from today?

2. Which emotional threat stands out to you? Why?

3. How can you creatively show a child security, worthiness or confidence? Explain.