## **CHALLENGING CHILDREN** (a Parable Song)

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## LYRICS

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TEMPO **= 160** bpm

dedicated to our God, 13 July 2013 ren 21 Dec 2015 Album: Amazing LORD 'n' Logic

"The wicked, in the haughtiness of his countenance, does not seek Him. All his thoughts are, 'There is no God.' O LORD, You have heard the desire of the humble; You will strengthen their heart, You will incline Your ear." - Psalm 10

"This is real love— NOT that WE loved God, but that He loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins." [IF we accept His gift.] We love Him because **He first loved us.**" - First John 4:10 in NLT and 19 in New KJV

## PART 1

Anger, poor work, disrespect: You never taught YOUR child this. Rudeness, crudeness, selfishness: What's wrong with her – or him? Cursing words you've NEVER taught... smoking, drinking, using drugs.... Disappearing for hours – what's wrong with him – or her? Mocking people... mocking God... Even mocking all your LOVE. Declaring you're not modern..... Telling people YOU are wrong. Denying the things you've done to help her or him, with *love*. Denying your sacrifice. DID YOU RAISE YOUR CHILD <u>WRONG</u>???

## PART 2 ... The Parable

Will you love your child through this? .... Even if your child rejects all you've taught your child is Right --- and your child just FIGHTS? Do you see that **GOD'S LIKE THIS: LOVING YOU, THOUGH YOU REJECT** all God's taught you through His Word – The Bible: God's LOVE. *interlude – then repeat both parts.* 

**Song Story.** After we finished a song at studio that required me using my Carvin Electric guitar back in summer 2013, I told my producer about the song lyrics I'd just set up in my journal earlier that day. Because it's in 2/4 and fast, Claxton Wilson suggested that I try a reggae or a funk hip hop beat. He demonstrated his idea, and hit the RECORD button with the metronome click. I just started playing A minor and E minor riffs that I love & use as warm up exercises... threw in a few F and other chords, and we added Super Grunge sound! Then he hit RECORD WITH TRACKS, and I did the vocals for the lyrics twice. But we were just having fun & laughing while he added pounding drums to match. TWO YEARS LATER: I was looking thru my 100s of song sketches praying for wisdom on what to complete: And found THIS one. I finished the piano and oboe tracks that night, Claxton added live drums & a funky bass the next afternoon & GOD's song was on the Word Wide Web within 24 hours of God guiding me back to it – a song to encourage us parents who have prayed hard for children to become the wonderful adults that God dearly wants them to be.... but NEVER forces His will upon... God is NOT a bad Father... even when people choose evil & laziness.