

# Third Thursday Notes

January 16, 2025 - Distractions, Disrespect, and Difficult Students

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## Laying the Foundation

- Do you love the student? If they sense that you don't love them, you can't do anything right. If they sense you love them, you just about can't do anything wrong.
  - Ask the Holy Spirit to pour His love for them into you.
  - Get to know them. What's their favorite music/food/hobby?
- It's not personal. It isn't you they're rebelling against; they're probably like this to everyone.

## Walking the Process

1. **The Expectation**
  - "You may give me your attention."
  - Don't say "Will you *please* pay attention." You are in control; don't put yourself in a position of them doing you a favor.
  - It also gives them a positive choice (i.e. to *do* something rather than to *stop doing* something).
2. **The Question**
  - "What's your job?" I don't know. "Your job is to give me your attention."
3. **The Second Time:**
  - "What's your job?" To give you my attention.
  - "Good thinking, thank you for joining us and being part of the group."
  - Even if it's sarcastic, they are acknowledging the right thing.
4. **The Choice**
  - "Your job is to give me your attention. You can do that here, or over there."
  - Have a pre-chosen place in the room that's still part of the group.
  - If they chose to stay, follow up with, "That's a great choice. If you keep talking, you've made the choice to move over there."
5. **The Move:**
  - "Your job is to give me your attention. If you keep talking, you're choosing to remove yourself from the group."
  - If they keep being disruptive, "You've made the choice to leave the group."

## 6. Reconciliation

- Don't let them stay there for more than 2-3 minutes before talking to them.
- Begin with, "Is there something that I have done that's causing you to behave this way?"
- Apologize if there is the slightest bit of validity to their complaint. Humility and forgiveness have great power.
- "I want you to be part of this group, but you have to be with us and not against us."
- "Right now you're taking away from the group and disrespecting our time. Can you see that?"

## 7. Removal

- If they return and it happens again, they need to be removed from the group for that event.
- Ensure that they are either supervised by someone, or picked up by a guardian.

## Keys to Remember

- Love the student... they likely need it more than most.
- Use "You may..."
- Whatever you say HAS to go... so be careful what you say.