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This study examined three selected psychological determinants of child abuse among parents in Ibadan, Oyo State. The variables under study include: Parents' temperament, child's behavior and child's gender. The descriptive survey research design was used. The sampling techniques used for the study were simple random sampling technique and convenience sampling as appropriate. The sample size for study was two thousand and sixty three (2,063) drawn from the five metropolitan local government areas, Ibadan, which include: Ibadan North, Ibadan North-East, Ibadan North-West, Ibadan South East and Ibadan Southwest. Chi square was used to test the three hypotheses set 0.05alpha level. The findings of the study established that the factors examined contributed significantly to the incidence of child abuse among parents in various degrees. The study however, concluded and offered some recommendations which include among others that the government needs to entrench in the constitution of the country a conventional age appropriate for marriage between men and women; the federal government needs to control family size consciously through appropriate legislation to prevent excessive procreation; the government also needs to discourage child marriage and there is need for parental training in child rearing to reduce cases of child abuse etc.