

# Training Children

## **1. God requires parents to train their children in a God-centered way.**

**Deut. 6:6, 7.** These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

## **2. The father is primarily responsible for child training.**

**Eph.6:4.** Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

## **3. The chief goal must be to train children in the fear of the Lord.**

**Eph.6:4.**

## **4. Do not exasperate them, be unfair to them, or abuse them.**

**Col. 3:21.** Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

## **5. The father must manage his family well and see that his children obey and respect him.**

**1 Tim. 3:4.** He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect.

## **6. Love requires faithful discipline.**

**Prov.13:24.** He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him.

**Prov.22:15.** Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him.

**Prov. 23:13, 14.** Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you punish him with the rod, he will not die. Punish him with the rod and save his soul from death.

**Prov.29:15.** The rod of correction imparts wisdom, but a child left to himself disgraces his mother.

**Prov.29:17.** Discipline your son, and he will give you peace; He will bring delight to your soul.

## **7. Follow God's pattern, for he lovingly disciplines us, for our good.**

**Heb.12:5-11.**

## **8. The Lord condemned Eli for being an indulgent parent.**

**1 Sam. 3:1-18.**

**1 Sam. 3:13.** For I told him that I would judge his family forever because of the sin he knew about; his sons made themselves contemptible, and he failed to restrain them.

## **9. Train a child in the way he should go.**

**Prov.22:6.** Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

## **10. Unless the Lord builds the house. . .**

**Ps.127: 1, 2.** Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat-for he grants sleep to those he loves.

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## **1. Children belong first to God and are his gift to us.**

**Ps. 127:3-5**

**Ps. 127:3** Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from him.

## **2. Children of believers belong to God and are in his covenant.**

**Gen. 17:7.** I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

**Acts 2:39.** The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.

## **3. God delights in the praise and worship of children.**

**Ps. 8:2.** From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

## **4. Jesus accepted the praise of children.**

**Matt. 21:15,16.** [As Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the children joined in singing.] "Hosanna to the Son of David," [and] they [Jewish leaders] were angry. "Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him. "Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read, 'From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise?'"

## **5. Jesus loves little children; of such is God's kingdom.**

**Matt. 19:13-15.** Then little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked those who brought them. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there.

## **6. David was comforted by the knowledge that his infant son went to heaven when he died, and that he would see him there.**

**2 Sam. 12: 18-23.**

**2 Sam. 12:23.** "But now that he is dead, why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me."