

Child Training

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

- Children can generally be expected to turn out well if they are instructed in righteousness; but if left to themselves, they will follow their own desires.

My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck. Proverbs 1:8-9

- The responsibility for training rests primarily on the parents.

And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4

- Though the training of children requires both parents, the father is expected to be the primary teacher of spiritual truth.

And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates. Deuteronomy 6:6-8

- God wants us to make spiritual things a priority. The parents should be able to freely speak of the things of God in their home and with their family.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Psalm 119:9-11

- The Bible is the only source that is guaranteed to teach a young person absolute truth, therefore it should be memorized and meditated upon. The parents will have to teach this habit of memorizing to their children since it will not come naturally.

He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes. Proverbs 13:24

Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell. Proverbs 23:13-14

Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him. Proverbs 22:15

The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame. Proverbs 29:15

- God has ordained physical punishment and it should never be abandoned for a worldly method. The parent who refuses to use physical punishment when needed will regret their decision later on.

My son, eat thou honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste: So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off. Proverbs 24:13-14

- Fill the young mind with good things and when the child is faced with falsehood, they will recognize the difference.

Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged. Colossians 3:21

- Discipline and training must always be done out of love and a desire to better or else a rebel will be formed. Nothing is so discouraging as knowing that no matter what you do it will never be right or good enough.