

Training Children

1. God requires parents to train their children in a God-centered way. Deut. 6:6–7. “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.”

2. The father is primarily responsible for child training. Eph. 6:4. And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition 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 provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

5. The father must manage his family well and see that his children obey and respect him. 1 Tim. 3:4. One who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence

6. Love requires faithful discipline. Prov. 13:24. He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly. **Prov. 22:15.** Foolishness is bound

up in the heart of a child; The rod of correction will drive it far from him. **Prov. 23:13–14.** Do not withhold correction from a child, For if you beat him with a rod, he will not die. You shall beat him with a rod, And deliver his soul from hell. **Prov. 29:15.** The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But a child left to himself brings shame to his mother. **Prov. 29:17.** Correct your son, and he will give you rest; Yes, he will give 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 have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows, because his sons made themselves vile, and he did not restrain them.”

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

10. Unless the Lord builds the house ... Ps. 127:1–2.
Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the Lord guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, To sit up late, To eat the bread of sorrows; For so He gives His beloved sleep.

11. Children are a heritage from the Lord. Ps. 127:3.

Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward