

# The Home and the Children

## Principles on Raising Children from the Scriptures



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## 1. What supreme opportunity does the pliability of childhood offer?

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

## 2. What should be the basic principle in child training?

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

## 3. What constitutes the most powerful aid to this fundamental spiritual education of the child?

Genesis 12:8, "And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the Name of the LORD."

"None of us can remember that any day ever passed unhallowed thus. No hurry for the store, no rush to business, no arrival of friends and guests, no trouble or sorrow, no joy or excitement, ever prevented at least one kneeling around the family altar, while the high priest, our father, led our prayers to God, and offered himself and his children there," John G. Paton.

## 4. In what should parents instruct their children?

A. Providences of God.

Psalms 78:4, "We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and His strength, and His wonderful works that He hath done."

Deuteronomy 6:7, "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."

## 5. In order to be effectual teachers of spiritual things, what preparation do parents themselves need?

Deuteronomy 11:18-19, "Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

"For myself, it is to him, my father, I owe all my earliest ideas of what the Fatherhood of God might mean," Rev. W. W. Landrum, D.D.

## 6. How satisfied was God with the way in which Abraham fulfilled his parental responsibilities?

Genesis 18:19, "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him."

Upon them (parents) depends in a great measure the well being of their children in this world, and their happiness in the world to come. To a great extent they determine both the physical and the moral stamp that the little ones receive. And upon the character of the home depends the condition of the society. The weight of each family's influence will tell in the upward or the downward scale.

**7. What is an essential accompaniment of instruction in child training?**

Proverbs 29:17, "Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul."

**8. Why is discipline so important in early years?**

Proverbs 19:18, "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying."

Proverbs 23:13-14, "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."

**9. How reprehensible is failure to discipline the young?**

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

**10. Who is a conspicuous example of such a parental neglect?**

1 Samuel 3:13, "For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not."

This was Eli.

**11. What further important principle should be borne in mind in child training?**

Lamentations 3:27, "It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth."

**12. Where there are several children in the home, what danger is to be scrupulously avoided?**

Favoritism.

Genesis 25:28, "And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob."

**13. What tragic consequences resulted from Jacob's favoritism toward Joseph?**

Genesis 37:4, "And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him."

**14. In their relations with the young, what should parents also be careful not to do?**

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

"We want to get into the hearts of our children if we are to hold them, and help them, and bless them, and take them to Heaven with us," Frances Murphy.

**15. Of all parental virtues, what are the two most essential?**

Proverbs 31:26, "She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness."

Wisdom and GRACE.

**16. What question will be asked parents in the judgment day?**

Jeremiah 13:20, "Lift up your eyes, and behold them that come from the north: where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?"

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