

Relationships

Understanding Your Roles

The Parent and Child Relationship

Premise: The relationship between a parent and child are vital to future success for both. Some of you are mothers, but all of you are children. Regardless of your current relationship with your parent(s), you are still bound to the Word of God concerning your role as a child.

Basis Scripture: Ephesians 6:1-4, Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother," which is **the first commandment with promise:** "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." And you, fathers (or mothers!), **do not provoke your children to wrath,** but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. NKJ

You are God's representative.

Training up your children to relate to God and His way of doing things, so that they will honor God and be well. Training up your son or daughter to be your brother or sister in the Lord!

Parent's Responsibilities

1) Pray & Protect

Let's look at the life of Moses as a child B Hebrews 11:23 By faith Moses, when he was born, **was hidden** three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command. NKJV (**Jesus was also hidden as a child.**)

To Hide: Reserve, deny access, preserve. Parents ought to preserve their children from the world. Watch over their lives to **protect them from evil and destruction.**

A hand in the fire. Never stand back and let a child cross a line that will hurt them. Your role is to instruct and teach them.

2) Provide

Parents are to provide for their children. 2 Corinthians 12:14 For the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children. NKJV

Prov 13:22 ...A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children... NKJV

3) Train Up the Child

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

The words "Train up" mean: **Narrow, a precise narrow path.**

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...** NKJV

Gen 18:19-20 For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they **keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice**, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him." NKJV

Command: Not hard B clear direction. **Precise...** this is the way to go.

Training up not only applies to your children, but also to your grandchildren.

Deuteronomy 4:9 Deut 4:9-10 "Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And **teach them to your children and your grandchildren**, NKJV

4) Discipline: Correction & Reproof

Part of the training process involves Discipline!

Your children must know that Ano@ means Ano.@

Prov 3:12 For **whom the LORD loves He corrects**, Just as a father the son in whom he delights. NKJV

- A) Correction is above all **love**.
- B) Correction: **Instruction with a warning** B Discipline.
- C) **Reproof** is for those who refuse.
Chastise means to **come to blows**. Deut 21:18-21
- D) Above all **NEVER** break their spirit, Ephesians 6:4.

Keys to effective correction.

- 1) Stay in control of your emotions
- 2) Talk before, during, and after
- 3) The punishment should always fit the offense

Types of Parents

Dominant: Little or no warmth, support or acceptance.

Negative: Few rules, because a negative parent doesn't have any care for the future.

Insecure: High warmth and acceptance, but few rules given or enforced.

Balanced: Firm & loving, warm and accepting. Clearly defined lives and rules.

What is the best type of parent? Balanced!

What do I do when I miss it as a parent?

If you miss it, be real with your child. Admit it, talk about it, and show them the right way to do things by doing things right yourself!

Maintain an atmosphere of love and acceptance!

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