

Raising Kids – God’s Way

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Our Goal in Parenting:

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A better translation of this verse is: “If you bring up the child in his way, when he is old he will not depart from it.” Does this verse promise good children if you are good parents? – **No!**

What is your child’s natural bent? (See Romans 3:9-12)

They are naturally bent to do evil. That is the way they are automatically headed without any help!

What are God’s goals for your children?

1. That they be **saved**. (See 1 Timothy 2:4)
2. That they be **Christ-like** (See Romans 8:28-29)

What should your goals be for your children?

Our goal should be their salvation and that they become Christ-like. Other things are minor details!

Can you guarantee that your children will turn out right? (See Proverbs 4:3-7)

Our job is to teach them truth and set a good example before them. They must choose for themselves!

Our Model for Parenting:

God is the **Father** of the saved (See Galatians 4:6)

God is seeking to bring His children to **Spiritual Maturity** (See Romans 8:28-29)

God is a good model of **parenting** (See Hebrews 12:4-11)

What parental traits do we see in Hebrews 12:4-11?

- Hebrews 12:6 – **Discipline**
- Hebrews 12:6 – **Love**
- Hebrews 12:10-11 – **Teaching**

Our Roles in Parenting:

Fathers

There are more passages in Scripture concerning the Father’s interaction with the children than the mothers!

As the head of the household, the father is **responsible** for their **godly** upbringing. (See Ephesians 6:4)

What does Ephesians 6:4 teach that a Father is responsible for?

- Nurture – **Discipline (Correction)**
- Admonition – **Instruction (putting into the mind or building inner convictions)**

Mothers

Does Ephesians 6:4 include mothers or are they off the hook? (See Mark 3:25)

Not at all. They must be working together for the children to have the best chance!

What do these passages teach that a woman should be doing?

- Proverbs 31:1 – **Teaching**
- 2 Timothy 1:5 – **Set forth an example for them to follow**
- Proverbs 19:18 – **Disciplining**

Working Together

What is the best way to provoke your children to wrath, as is mentioned in Ephesians 6:4? (See Mark 3:25)

A lack of consistency between parents and unclear expectations frustrate children.

Suggestion: A great way to bring yourselves together is to pray for your children together!

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25 Ways to Provoke a Child to Anger

from How to Help an Angry Child, by Lou Priolo

1. Lack of marital harmony
2. Establishing / maintaining a child-centered home
3. Modeling sinful anger
4. Consistently disciplining in anger
5. Scolding
6. Being inconsistent with discipline
7. Having double standards
8. Being legalistic (making man-made rules equal to God’s law)
9. Not admitting when you are wrong
10. Constantly finding fault
11. Parents reversing God given roles
12. Not listening to the child’s opinion or side of the story
13. Comparing children to others
14. Not having time to talk
15. Not praising the child
16. Failing to keep promises
17. Chastening them in front of others
18. Giving too much freedom
19. Not giving enough freedom
20. Making fun of the child
21. Abusing them physically
22. Calling them names
23. Having unrealistic expectations
24. Showing favoritism toward one child over another
25. Employing child-training methods that aren’t consistent with God’s Word.