

# What the Bible says about....Training Children

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# I. Children Obey Your Parents

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- They love you.



- *Parents*, you have a responsibility; it is sometimes a battle
- I have seen children that are not disciplined and they do whatever they want to do. I think they are testing the boundaries to find out what they can do, and what they can't do



- The child wants to know who is in charge, him or you?
- At school, the teacher is in charge and they know it
- But what about you?
- Our daughter was about 2 years old and wanted to play in the street.
- Do not go in the street!



- When kids don't obey, that is, do what you tell them to do
- You have to discipline them, apply the board of education,
- sit them in their room, take away something, and remember to carry through.
- Don't give in to the pleading



- This is what you need to do, sit down with your spouse
- Agree together that you are in charge and these are the rules
- Then sit your kids down and tell them the rules and there will be no exceptions
- My son was always looking for a car to buy and fix.
- He knew that Mom would say no and I would say no to most money requests, but he knew I had a weakness for cars.
- And so, I said yes to 4- \$100-300 cars.



- Also parents, you must let your kids live with the consequences
- of their choices. If they don't do their homework, they get an F
- If they don't do chores, they don't get an allowance
- This is the child that needs to learn by doing



## II. Fathers and Mothers

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- You know when you have gone too far, you were angry when you spanked and gave them a few extra swats when it wasn't necessary
- Or you grounded for a month when a week would have worked
- By the way, don't let your kids tell you when you were harsh
- They think **ANYTHING** is too harsh



- When we go too far with our punishment, it's harsh, instead of the child learning anything, it just makes them resent you and God
- Fathers, there are times that we push our kids too far
- It does more harm than good
- If you hover over your children, it can make them resent you



- You as a parent move from being a parent that makes virtually all the decisions to letting go little by little and you become an adviser
- And sometimes your kids don't ask for advice when you think they should be asking, resist the temptation to give it anyway
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*Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.*



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- Other children will hear it but in becoming independent turn away
- You maybe did nothing wrong, that child has a will and makes choices
- *This is what you do: live the life and pray*
- You let the Holy Spirit do the work in their life
- Remember, the final chapter has not been written



- Wisdom, God's wisdom that's what we need to train our children
- Every child is different, discipline in different ways
- Pray, ask the Lord to not be too harsh or too lenient
- Talk with other parents about how they discipline
- Remember, the goal is to raise up children to be men and women of God that want to serve him



When you walk about, they will guide you; When you sleep, they will watch over you; And when you awake, they will talk to you.

Instruye al niño en el camino correcto, y aun en su vejez no lo abandonará.

教导孩童走正路,他到老也不偏离。

마땅히 행할 길을 아이에게 가르치라  
그리하면 늙어도 그것을 떠나지 아니하리라

Mlee mtoto katika njia impasayo, Naye hataiacha, hata atakapokuwa mzee  
बच्चे को उस मार्ग की शिक्षा दो जिस पर उसको चलना चाहिए; और वह बुढ़ापे में भी उससे नहीं हटेगा।

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Parents have this ideal view that you will have the child as a best friend,  
go places, laugh together, share hobbies, sit down and talk about those  
deep things of life, you give advice and kid listens  
But that isn't what happens, rather, there are fights, shouting  
This child has a will and a sinful nature and wants his/her way  
And this beautiful child that you brought into the world all of a  
sudden hates you and considers you the enemy  
What went wrong? When everyone does what God says  
the family works well. Parents, it is a job to raise children  
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promise? "That it may go well with you and you will enjoy long life on  
this earth" Do you want to live long?  
Your parents really have your best interests in mind. They love you  
I believe that obedience is one of the lessons of life  
God wants you to learn it young and you will live long as you follow it  
You will have to obey people as long as you live  
And remember God wants you to do it, He commands it  
**Parents**, you have a responsibility; it is sometimes a battle  
I have seen children that are not disciplined and they do whatever they  
want to do. I think they are testing the boundaries to find out what they  
can do, and what they can't do  
These very children are in school and know what is expected of them  
These children behave well in school.  
They behave totally different at home  
The child wants to know who is in charge, him or you?  
At school, the teacher is in charge and they know it  
But what about you?

And since God made you bigger in the beginning, you are in charge  
Our daughter was about 2 years old and wanted to play in the street.  
Do not go in the street! She went to the edge of the street as close as  
she could go and looked back at Mom. She had a face that said,  
"will you really discipline me if I go out in the street?"  
She was trying to push the boundaries  
That was a key battle that we needed to win  
When kids don't obey, that is, do what you tell them to do  
You have to discipline them, apply the board of education,  
sit them in their room, take away something, and remember  
to carry through.  
Don't give in to the pleading  
Some kids know they can wear you down, it's a battle, WIN  
"Oh, Mom, Dad please let me have it....."  
When you let a kid get away with saying something, doing something,  
the kid all of a sudden knows, I won some ground  
And they will go for more  
This is what you need to do, sit down with your spouse  
Agree together that you are in charge and these are the rules  
Then sit your kids down and tell them the rules and there will  
be no exceptions  
But you may be the weaker parent, you give in, DON'T  
And children are very smart, these children that you raised know  
you very well  
They know which of you is weakest with what request  
My son was always looking for a car to buy and fix.  
He knew that Mom would say no and I would say no to  
most money requests, but he knew I had a weakness for cars.  
And so, I said yes to 4- \$100-300 cars. We didn't have that  
kind of room in our driveway. There were cars parked everywhere.  
Lori eventually said, Pete has to sell his cars  
Also parents, you must let your kids live with the consequences  
of their choices. If they don't do their homework, they get a 0  
If they don't do chores, they don't get an allowance  
This is the child that needs to learn by doing  
Some parents always do their homework or give money, you just lost

So you need to let the child fail, it will be an excellent lesson  
Now, if they want to jump off the roof you need to say no  
But if it doesn't hurt them, let them learn a valuable lesson  
It's a lot of work in the beginning, less work in the end  
You can control a child at 6 but not at 16

It can be a joy, for the most part to raise teenagers when  
the work was done in the beginning

***How long should a child obey?***

As long as they live under your roof, yes the rules are less as they  
grow older, but there are still rules

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By the way, don't let your kids tell you when you were harsh  
They think ANYTHING is too harsh  
Give discipline appropriate for the wrong and don't do it in anger  
Otherwise, the child becomes discouraged and will give up trying to  
listen to you or obey you, then your discipline has backfired

A similar passage:

**Ephesians 6:4** *Fathers do not exasperate your children; instead  
bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord*

*Exasperate:* Enraged, provoke to anger, make resentful.

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the child learning anything, it just makes them resent you and God  
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You stay so close to the child that they can't learn to mature

You want to guide them, but not to the last detail

If you correct their every mistake, you discourage your child

And many kids resent this, they want to be independent, be an adult  
eventually and if you hover, they will tear away from you and it will  
not be pretty

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## **III. Train a Child Proverbs 22:6**

What if they don't love the Lord? What if they reject Christ?

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from it.***

I wish this was a formula for raising children

Rather, it is a guideline to follow but it doesn't insure success

Some children will hear God's Word and accept Christ as Savior

Other children will hear it but in becoming independent turn away

You maybe did nothing wrong, that child has a will and makes choices

So as your child enters the adult years, he/she is not a Christian

What do you do? Preach at them? No

Try to control them as a child? No, that will end ugly

Why don't you accept Christ? You were such a good child!

What happened that you rejected Christ?

Did you live the life of loving the Lord before your children?

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