

## 1. Why: To Raise Children Who are Salt and Light

Be \_\_\_\_\_ the world, but not \_\_\_\_\_ the world.

- “You are the *salt* of the earth; ... You are the *light* of the world...” (Matthew 5:13-16)
- “They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.” (John 17:16)
- “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (Romans 12:2)

## 2. What: Redemptive Parenting

God has tasked the parents with leading their children into a \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge of Jesus Christ and ultimately to grow in the likeness of \_\_\_\_\_.

### a. Maintain Family Unity

The goal for the family unit is to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God in everything we do. We can't worship two \_\_\_\_\_.

The Christian home is about more than just meeting our children's \_\_\_\_\_. It should be filled with God's \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 14:17)

Everything we do in and bring into our homes must be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ and allow us to maintain \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (Revelation 21:27, Joshua 24:15)

### b. Be a Godly Example

It begins with \_\_\_\_\_ loving their \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ loves the \_\_\_\_\_ and with \_\_\_\_\_ submitting to their \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ submits to \_\_\_\_\_

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The \_\_\_\_\_ is responsible for making a home and is ultimately accountable to God as the head of the family.

We must model the godly man/woman to our children, one who loves, knows, and serves God.

The book of Proverbs is a good place to start with Children:

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| 1) Character     | 7) Faithfulness        | 13) Temperance           |
| 2) Integrity     | 8) Honor               | 14) Justice              |
| 3) Chastity      | 9) Humility            | 15) Wisdom               |
| 4) Purity        | 10) Obedience to God's | 16) Avoiding indulgences |
| 5) Godliness     | 11) Contentment        | 17) Prudence             |
| 6) Righteousness | 12) Stewardship        | 18) Seeing mercy         |

c. Provide Biblical Instructions

\_\_\_\_\_ is sufficient to answer all of life's questions; it is our absolute standard, our plumb line.  
(2 Peter 1:19; John 17:17; Philippians 3:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Unless the \_\_\_\_\_ builds the house,  
They \_\_\_\_\_ who build it. (Psalms 127:1)

We must establish our families on \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_ wisdom nor \_\_\_\_\_-made rules.  
(Deuteronomy 6:1-7:13)

We need to bring our children under the authority of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

Teach your children to obey \_\_\_\_\_ because they are ultimately obeying \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Ephesians 6:1-3; Colossians 3:21)

Principles for the Christian Home (Lessons to teach our children):

- 1) Fear your God. (Proverbs 1:7; 8:13; 14:26-27; Deuteronomy 10:12; Psalms 25:14)
- 2) Guard your heart and mind. (Proverbs 4:23)
- 3) Obey your parents. (Ephesians 6:1-3; Colossians 3:21)
- 4) Choose your friends carefully. (Proverbs 12:26; 22:24-25; 28:7; 13:20; 1 Corinthians 15:33)
- 5) Watch your words. (Matthew 12:36-37; Proverbs 18:21; 12:18; 16:24; 15:1; 21:23; 13:3)
- 6) Love your neighbor. (Mark 12:31; Leviticus 19:9-18)
- 7) Pursue your work. (Proverbs 28:19; 21:5; 22:29; 24:30-34; Colossians 3:23-24)
- 8) Manage your money. (Proverbs 3:9; 1 Timothy 5:8; Luke 12:15)
- 9) Control your Fleshly Appetites: (Proverbs 2:16; Hebrews 13:5-6)
- 10) Remain pure and save yourself for your husband/wife. (1 Cor 6:18; 1 Thes 4:3-5)

d. Give Resolute Discipline

Blows that hurt cleanse away evil,  
As do stripes the inner depths of the heart.  
(Proverbs 20:30)

The rod and rebuke give wisdom,  
But a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.  
(Proverbs 29:15)

Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child;  
The rod of correction will drive it far from him.  
(Proverbs 22:15)

Correct your son, and he will give you rest;  
Yes, he will give delight to your soul.  
(Proverbs 29:17)

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. (Proverbs 23:13-14)

He who spares his rod hates his son,  
But he who loves him disciplines him promptly.  
(Proverbs 13:24)

You demonstrate \_\_\_\_\_ for your children when you do not discipline them.  
God \_\_\_\_\_ us because He \_\_\_\_\_ us. (Hebrews 12:5-11)

The sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas are a warning to us. (1 Samuel 2:12-17; 2:22-34; 3:11-14; 4:10-18)

### 3. How: Discipleship

#### a. In prayer

Ask the Lord to empower you through the \_\_\_\_\_. Zechariah 4:6

Pray \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ your children.

How to pray for your children?

Pray that they will:

- 1) Come to saving knowledge of Jesus Christ
- 2) Grow in grace, faith, wisdom, righteousness, and love.
- 3) Grow in their knowledge of and in their love for God's Word
- 4) Respect your authority, God's authority and those who are in authority around them.
- 5) Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before God. (Micah 6:8)
- 6) Be courageous and bold.
- 7) Be pure, kind, honest, generous, and content. To have a godly character.
- 8) Be filled with the Holy Spirit and produce the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, gentleness, faith, and self-control). Galatians 5:22-23
- 9) Have love for God, their family, and others.
- 10) Have a heart after God's own heart. That they will grow up to be men and women of God.
- 11) Have God's favor.
- 12) Remain pure until marriage. Pray for their future spouses to remain pure for them.

#### b. In love

Demonstrate the love of God to your children. Lead them through experiencing God's \_\_\_\_\_ love which casts out \_\_\_\_\_. (1 John 4:17-19)

#### c. In the way they should go

Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old, he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6)  
"Train up" means to teach, instruct, to raise up, to start them off.

Elevate your role. Be your child's T\_\_\_\_\_, then C\_\_\_\_\_, then M\_\_\_\_\_, then C\_\_\_\_\_.

Bring them up in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4b)

The Word of God defines "the way" while accommodating the uniqueness of the child. (2 Timothy 3:16)

Prepare them for adult life by investing time, energy, and resources in their \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ training.

#### d. Without exasperating them

Do not \_\_\_\_\_ your children to anger. (Ephesians 6:4a; Colossians 3:21)

Be consistent in:

- 1) Discipline
- 2) Standards
- 3) Principles

## 4) Responses

## 5) Rules

## 6) Reactions

How to exasperate, irritate, and intensely frustrate your children:

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|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 1) Arbitrary rules inconsistently enforced. | 4) Favoritism: Jacob and Esau | 8) Neglect                                        |
| 2) Rules Enforce without a relationship.    | 5) Unrealistic expectations   | 9) Harsh words: words of anger, ridicule, sarcasm |
| 3) Over-protection                          | 6) Over-indulgence            | 10) Physical Abuse                                |
|                                             | 7) Discouragement             |                                                   |

#### 4. When: The Urgency of our Calling

##### a. While there is time

Chasten your son while there is hope, and do not set your heart on his destruction. (Proverbs 19:18)

- 1) Make memories with your children.
- 2) Establish godly traditions.
- 3) Help build a Christian heritage for your children and their children.

##### b. When the influence of the Culture is inappropriate for their age

We torment our souls when we \_\_\_\_\_ with the wicked. (2 Peter 2:7-8)

We must protect our \_\_\_\_\_ children from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the culture.

Teach them before \_\_\_\_\_ does.

Remember: we are to be \_\_\_\_\_ the world but \_\_\_\_\_ the world. (John 17:16)

##### c. When Peer Pressure is high

Blessed is the man  
Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,  
Nor stands in the path of sinners,  
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; (Psalm 1:1)

He who works deceit shall not dwell within my house;  
He who tells lies shall not continue in my presence. (Psalm 101:7)

Do not be deceived: “\_\_\_\_\_ company corrupts good \_\_\_\_\_.” (1 Corinthians 15:33)

Prayerfully discuss the standards for your children’s companions with your spouse and make sure they meet God’s standards. Record them and discuss them together with your children.

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