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Christ-like Parenting – Getting Practical



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1. Love Your Child



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“Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7

“Love should be the silver thread that runs through all your conduct. Kindness, gentleness, long-suffering, patience, forbearance, sympathy, a willingness to enter into childish troubles, a readiness to take part in childish joys — these are the cords by which a child may be led most easily — these are the clues you must follow if you would find the way to his heart.

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- Parent to the Heart of Your Child

“For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”

1 SAMUEL 16:7



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Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

PROVERBS 4:23

2. Instruct Your Child



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Deuteronomy 6:5-9

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

3. Train Your Child



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

Proverbs 19:18 Discipline your son, for there is hope; do not set your heart on putting him to death.

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Proverbs 29:15 & 17

¹⁵ The rod and reproof give wisdom,
but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.

¹⁷ Discipline your son, and he will give you rest;
he will give delight to your heart.

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Three Core Realities About Our Children

1. They are precious
2. They are complex
3. They are fallen

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Proverbs 22:15

Folly is bound up in the heart of a child,
but the rod of discipline drives it far from him.

Key Steps for Training Your Child



1. Set clear boundaries
2. Understand what's going on (in them and in you).
3. Walk with your child in addressing the needs

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1. Set Clear Boundaries

Romans 4:15 Where there is no law there is no transgression.

James 4:17 If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

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2. Understand what's Going on

Proverbs 20:15 The purpose in a man's heart is like deep water,
but a man of understanding will draw it out.

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James 5:20 ...know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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Discuss these scenarios...

1. Your child is playing with toys on the floor with a couple of other kids. He/she grabs a toy from another child and bowls them over in the process. The other child starts crying.

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Discuss these scenarios...

2. Your child wanders into an area they shouldn't. They're kindly asked to go out because they're not allowed in there. Your child says no. They say they don't have to do what the adult tells them to.

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Discuss these scenarios...

3. You put your child to bed. Five minutes later they come back out. You send them back. Three minutes later they come out again. You tell them a third time, and two minutes later she comes out, looking sheepish, standing at the door.

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Discuss these scenarios...

4. Your adolescent child gets home from school. You say hello. They brush straight past you, don't even look at you, go to their room and slam the door.

Consequences Should Be...



- Reasonable
- Related
- Respectful

About Smacking... Is it Christ-like?



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Do verses about the rod mean physical discipline is required?

Proverbs 13:24 Whoever spares the rod hates his son,
but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.

A Final Word About Parenting



2 Corinthians 12:9-10

He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.