

HOW TO WIN AT FATHERHOOD

Father's Day

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"Reverence for God gives a man deep strength; his children have a place of refuge and security." (Proverbs 14:26, The Living Bible)

BIBLICAL BEST PRACTICES FOR THE TIME YOU HAVE LEFT

1. ACCEPT THEIR UNIQUENESS.

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." (Proverbs 22:6, NIV84)

Train them up according to:

- THEIR STAGE
- THEIR STRENGTHS
- THEIR STYLE

2. AFFIRM THEIR VALUE.

"What is the price of two sparrows—one copper coin? But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows." (Matthew 10:29–31, NLT)

How does God do it? God gives:

- ATTENTION
"And the very hairs on your head are all numbered." (Matthew 10:30)
- AFFECTION
"I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love. To them I was like one who lifts a little child to the cheek, and I bent down to feed them." (Hosea 11:4, NIV)
- ENCOURAGEMENT
"you are precious to me and honored, and I love you." (Isaiah 43:4, The Living Bible)

3. TRUST THEM WITH RESPONSIBILITY.

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?" (Luke 16:10–12, NIV)

“For we are each responsible for our own conduct.” (Galatians 6:5, NLT)

4. CORRECT WITHOUT CONDEMNING.

“Discipline your son in his early years while there is hope. If you don’t, you will ruin his life.” (Proverbs 19:18, The Living Bible)

“If you refuse to discipline your son, it proves you don’t love him; for if you love him, you will be prompt to punish him.” (Proverbs 13:24, The Living Bible)

“And now a word to you parents. Don’t keep on scolding and nagging your children, making them angry and resentful. Rather, bring them up with the loving discipline the Lord himself approves, with suggestions and godly advice.” (Ephesians 6:4, The Living Bible)

“Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you.” (Ephesians 4:29, GNB)

5. LOVE THEM UNCONDITIONALLY.

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” (Ephesians 4:32, NIV)

“Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.” (1 Corinthians 13:7, NLT)

LAST THOUGHT

What are you going to do with the time you have left?