

Parenting Biblically

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Teach Them The Greatest Commandment

Matthew 22:36-38

³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ And He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” ³⁸ This is the great and foremost commandment.

Cross Reference: Mark 12:28-30

Deuteronomy 6:5-9

⁵ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

**God requires parents to raise their children in a God-centered way. The primary objective must be that our children know, believe, love, worship, and serve the Lord.*

Teach Them to Be Kind to Others

Matthew 22:39-40

³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Leviticus 19:18

¹⁸ “Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.”

**We must be a Godly example for our children to learn by and to follow.*

Teach Them to Get to Know Their Family

Mark 3:33-35

³³ “Who are my mother and my brothers?” he asked.

³⁴ Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.”

Teach Them to Honor Their Mother and Father

Exodus 20:12

¹² “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

Ephesians 6:2

² “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise — ³ “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

**We must shepherd the child’s heart not merely attempting to correct outward behavior. When anyone sins, it rises out of the heart.*

Teach Them to Know Their Position While Seeing Their Future

Genesis 2:23-24

²³ The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.”

²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Matthew 17:4-5

⁶ “But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ ⁷ ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, ⁸ and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Teach Them about Our Real Relationship with God

Revelation 12:11

¹¹ And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.

**We must show our children that our Lord is real because the world will challenge them and say He is not.*

Teach Them How to Have a Prayer Life and Pray Over Them

1 Thessalonians 5:17

¹⁷ pray without ceasing.

Ephesians 6:8

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Luke 18:1

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

**Prayer is a dialogue with God. We not only talk to Him but we also listen to what He is saying to us. Let your children talk to and listen to God by themselves sometimes.*

Teach Them How to Respond to the Things of the World

Romans 12:2

² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Matthew 10:33

³³ But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

Matthew 10:37

³⁷ “Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

We must teach our children that the world is “weird” and “strange” but to know how to maneuver through it...while letting the Greatest Commandment influence our convictions. Teach them to see the world through the lens of Scripture...not to see Scripture through the lens of the world.

Teach Them about Discipline

Proverbs 3:11-12

¹¹ My son, do not despise the Lord’s discipline,
and do not resent his rebuke,

¹² because the Lord disciplines those he loves,
as a father the son he delights in.

Revelation 3:19

¹⁹ Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent.

Hebrews 12:5-11

⁵ And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,

“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline,
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,

⁶ because the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”

⁷ Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? ⁸ If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. ⁹ Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! ¹⁰ They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. ¹¹ No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Let true Love not fear motivated our discipline. Follow the God’s pattern, for His discipline can be painful but always for our good.