

*Training*  
**Children**  
*to Praise their Parents*

*What Type of Adults*  
*this Produces*



# Style of writing!

I love bullet points!

Don't talk me to death.

Give me your bottom line first and then make your explanation brief. That is why:

- My table of contents gives the main subjects!
- The Intro. briefly answers each question in the booklet.
- The chapters are brief studies, filling in each point.

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## Is it **Selfish** to **Require** my **Children** to **Praise** me?

### 5 Reasons why this is the **Best Habit** to **Build** in your **Children**

#### 1) Eph. 6:2-3 Praising is Honor!

Eph. 6:2-3 "**Honor** your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a **promise**—<sup>3</sup> "so that it **may Go Well with you** and that you may **Enjoy Long Life** on the earth."

If you were to attend a banquet to honor a specific person – WHAT do you EXPECT will be **SAID** at that banquet? Would you not expect **lots** of **Verbal Praise** toward this person? Verbal Praise is the first step of Honor!

By Teaching your Children to HONOR their Parents with Verbal Praise, the Bible promises that things will go **WELL** with them and they will **ENJOY** a **Long Life**.

#### 2) **Praise** is much **DEEPER** than **Thankfulness**!

Ps. 100:4 Enter into his **Gates** with **Thanksgiving**,  
and into his **Courts** with **Praise**

This verse is a picture of the Tabernacle and Temple. Being Thankful gets you inside the GATES! You barely enter in.

Most parents work hard to teach their children to be Thankful! However, the scripture is clear that **Praise** is **DEEPER** & moves you **CLOSER** to the **Heart** of God.

- Saying Thank You is good but still basically a **SELF** focus.
- Giving Praise is TOTALLY a focus on the **OTHER** person.

This will produce **Extra Margins** and **Warmth** in your relationship, which will come in handy during the **Tension** times.

Every Parent has at least one time of a 5,000-pound tension with their child.

- With Thankfulness you may have 1,000 pounds of extra margin in your relationship with your child.
- With Verbal Praise you will have 25,000 pounds of margin in your relationship and those tough tension times will be much easier to navigate.

3) Your children will be **Great Worshipers** of Jesus.

In almost 50 years of Pastoring, I have seen a truth that applies 100% of the time.

- 100% of those are GREAT at **Praising** others, have Great **Freedom** in Worshipping Jesus.
- 100% of those who are **HORRIBLE** at Praising others have Great **Bondage** and do **NOT** participate in Worshipping Jesus.

4) **Parents** Praise more and the Children will be more **Secure**.

It happens **Automatically**!

As you expect and train your children to praise you every time you do something for them, **your children** will **expect YOU** to praise **THEM** every time they do something for you

Your children become much more secure and have a healthier soul, because they have secure parents.

5) Your Children will be **Adults** who **See the Best** in Others

Praise is the opposite of complaining and negativity.

With almost every person and situation we can:

- Look for **Negatives** to Complain about & Find them.
- Look for **Positives** to Praise and Find them.

*Phil. 2:14 Do Everything without **Complaining***

*Phil. 4:8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—**if anything is excellent or PRAISEWORTHY — Think About Such Things***

Because you trained your child that you: “Praise others **All the Time**” whether you **Feel** it or **Not**, your child will:

- become very **Successful** in their **Relationships** and
- have a great tool to **Redirect** their **Emotions**.

## How to Train your Children!

### 3 Tips

#### Tip # 1 Just like Physical Training – “Repeat After Me!”

I have been a volunteer wrestling coach for over 50 years. “*Repeat After Me!*” is the starting place of all training whether you are learning a wrestling move or learning to praise your parent.

Once they become good at the first level of training, a trainee often adds their own style to the discipline learned.

The standard way to train a child is when you are ALMOST FINISHED serving your child in some way, you PAUSE before finishing and give your child the words to repeat.

- **Before** you **set** your **food** on the **table** you look at your kids with a smile and say: “*Wow Mom, you are so good to us!*” You simply hold the food in your hands until they repeat those words with a smile and enthusiasm.
- **Before** you **bring** them that drink of **water** you look at your child with a smile and say: “*Thanks Dad, you are the Best!*” You hold the water in your hands until they repeat those words with a smile and enthusiasm.
- **Before** you **leave** the **driveway** when you are driving them to an activity, you look at your children with a smile and say: “*You are always serving us Mom! You are such a Giver!*” You don’t start the car until they repeat your words with a smile and enthusiasm.
- **Before** you **help** them with **homework** you look at your child with a smile and say: “*You are so Terrific and Smart Dad!*” You don’t start the homework until they repeat your words with a smile and enthusiasm.

After your children have become trained, you will only have to “Pause” and they will catch the hint and give you praise.

## Tip # 2 Parents can do Extra Focus on Praise for their Mate.

If you are a single parent, it is essential to be secure and to constantly train your children to praise you.

However, if you are blessed to have a successful marriage, it is common to put extra focus on Praise for your Mate.

To say things about your mate, with your look making it clear that you expect your children to repeat these lines is so fun.

- Momma, you are So PRETTY!
- Daddy, you are such a HARD WORKER!
- Mommy, you are So FUNNY!
- Daddy, you are So STRONG!
- Mommy, you are So NICE!
- Daddy, you are So TALENTED!
- Mommy, you are AMAZING!
- Daddy, you are AWESOME!

*Prov. 31:28 Her  
**Children** rise up  
and **Call** her  
**Blessed**; her  
**Husband** also, &  
he **PRAISES** her*

## Tip # 3 The One who **Resists NEEDS** this **More!**

In a home with multiple children, there is usually one child who resists this training the most. This child **NEEDS** this training **More** than the other children. It might be good to have some sit-down talks with this child to share some truths with them. To gently and firmly explain that:

- The reason they resist is because they are NOT naturally good at Praising Others. They are battling selfishness and fear.
- Only Jesus can change our hearts and help us to WANT to Praise others.
- We **WILL continue** with this training. The **More** you **Resist** the more **Often** we will do this. Our **Job** is to teach you how to be a **Successful Adult** and we will **NOT let you down**.

*Prov. 22:6 **Train** up a child in the **way** he **should go**:  
and when he is old, he will not depart from it*

## Conclusion

Of all the disciplines we need to teach our children, this one brings the most **joy, warmth** and **confidence** in your home.

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