



**FOUR
RESPONSIBILITIES
OF GODLY PARENTS**



Children, obey your parents in the Lord for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

EPHESIANS 6:1-4



And they devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

ACTS 2:42-47



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“MOST ASSUREDLY GOD WILL REQUIRE AN ACCOUNT OF THE CHILDREN FROM YOUR HANDS, FOR THEY ARE HIS, AND ONLY LENT TO YOUR CARE AND KEEPING. THE TASK ASSIGNED YOU IS NO EASY ONE, ESPECIALLY IN THESE SUPERLATIVELY EVIL DAYS.

ARTHUR W. PINK



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NEVERTHELESS, IF TRUSTFULLY
AND EARNESTLY SOUGHT, THE
GRACE OF GOD WILL BE FOUND
SUFFICIENT IN THIS
RESPONSIBILITY AS IN OTHERS.
THE SCRIPTURES SUPPLY US WITH
RULES TO
GO BY, WITH PROMISES TO LAY
HOLD OF, AND, WE MAY ADD, WITH
FEARFUL WARNINGS LEST WE
TREAT THE MATTER LIGHTLY,”

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A photograph of a person's hand holding a child's hand. The person is wearing a grey sweater, and the child is wearing a blue denim dress and blue sneakers. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a wooden door or wall. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent dark grey rectangle.

FOUR RESPONSIBILITIES OF GODLY PARENTS

1. REQUIRE OBEDIENCE

IS OBEDIENCE OPTIONAL TO OUR
CHILDREN?

HOW DO THEY RESPOND WHEN WE
TELL THEM TO DO SOMETHING?



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2. FAITHFULLY DISCIPLINE

“BRING THEM UP IN THE DISCIPLINE...” EPHESIANS 6:4

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DISCIPLINE BY PRINCIPLE
MEANS THAT YOUR SYSTEM OF
DISCIPLINE MAKES SENSE. IT
IS ORDERLY. IT IS NOT A
CHAOS OF COMMANDMENTS
THAT DEPEND UPON THE
EMOTIONAL STATE OF MOM OR
DAD AT THE TIME THE
DIRECTIVES ARE DELIVERED.”

DOUG WILSON
WHY CHILDREN MATTER



DO THE KIDS CLEARLY
UNDERSTAND THE RULES OF OUR
HOUSEHOLD?

ARE WE CONSISTENTLY
DISCIPLINING OUR CHILDREN
WHEN THOSE RULES ARE BROKEN?



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**3. TEACH THE AUTHORITY
OF SCRIPTURE**

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“EVERY CHRISTIAN FAMILY OUGHT TO BE AS IT WERE A LITTLE CHURCH, CONSECRATED TO CHRIST, AND WHOLLY INFLUENCED AND GOVERNED BY HIS RULES. AND FAMILY EDUCATION AND ORDER ARE SOME OF THE CHIEF OF THE MEANS OF GRACE... IF THESE ARE DULY MAINTAINED, ALL THE MEANS OF GRACE WILL BE LIKE TO PROSPER AND BE SUCCESSFUL.”

JONATHAN EDWARDS



DO WE HAVE A RHYTHM OF
TEACHING OUR CHILDREN THE
SCRIPTURES?

ARE WE CONSISTENT IN OUR
ADHERENCE TO THAT RHYTHM?



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**4. PRAY FOR YOUR
CHILDREN**

His sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each one on his day, and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. And when the days of the feast had run their course, Job would send and consecrate them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all.

JOB 1:4-7



For Job said, "It may be that my children have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did continually.

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them. The Lord said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the Lord and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it."

JOB 1:4-7



JOB OFFERED A SACRIFICE SO THAT HE
COULD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SINS
OF HIS CHILDREN BEFORE GOD.

BUT JESUS IS OUR PERFECT SACRIFICE WHO
DIED ON THE CROSS ONCE AND FOR ALL SO
THAT WE CAN FREELY COME INTO GOD'S
PRESENCE.

WE CAN BOLDLY TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR
THE SINS OF OUR CHILDREN DIRECTLY
BEFORE GOD THE FATHER. HE PROMISES THAT
HE WILL WORK ON OUR BEHALF.



ARE YOU PRAYING FOR THE
SALVATION OF YOUR CHILDREN
EVERY DAY?

ARE YOU PRAYING FOR THE
SPECIFIC ISSUES OF
DISOBEDIENCE THAT YOUR
CHILDREN STRUGGLE WITH?

