

Proverbs 22:6

Main Idea: The primary role of parents is to influence, teach, and control.

You are Primary!

In the midst of an increasingly broken and corrupt culture, **parents are primary!** No one and no thing will impact your children more than you will mom and dad. This is your responsibility before God. Speak up. Take a stand. Above all, point your children to Christ. "The one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world." (1John 4:4b)

2 Parts to Good Parenting

Your ability to influence, teach, and control becomes possible through a blending of two important parts to parenting:

Parental Responsiveness – the extent to which parents intentionally foster **individuality, self-regulation, and self-assertion.** Parents are attuned, supportive, and giving to a child’s needs and demands.

Parental Demandingness – the extent of claims parents make on children to become integrated into the family by their maturity demands, supervision, disciplinary efforts, and willingness to confront the child who disobeys.

1 Power-Verse on Parenting

The Word of God has much to say about the parental responsibility. Perhaps the most famous verse is Proverbs 22:6. Solomon wrote this verse **3000 years ago** and it describes exactly what we are discussing today.

Knowing Your Child – Parental Responsiveness

"...the way he should go..." v.6. The Hebrew term for "...way..." v.6, means "characteristic or manner."

Adaptation is Key. Discover your child’s way (characteristics, manner) and adapt your training accordingly.

Training Your Child – Parental Demandingness

"...train up..." v.6. The term here refers to the breaking of a wild horse by putting a bit or a rope in its mouth. To train it was to control it – to bring it into submission. Control is Key.

Striking the balance is no easy task, but it is certainly possible. A balanced parent recognizes their style and tendencies, and then remains vigilant and aware of how their style is affecting their ability to train.

Family Night Big idea – Read Proverbs 22:6

It’s a good idea to make sure that your children understand your responsibility as their parents. God expects you to know them and train them. This is because God loves them and so do you.

Elementary School – Ask, "How does God want your parents to train you? What does mom know about you that other people might not know? Why do mom and dad have to enforce rules in the family?"

Middle/ High School – Ask, "How is your 'way' different from your brother or sister’s way? What part of your 'training' do you appreciate? What part don't you understand? Do you appreciate your parents training and why?"

Prayer: "Father thank You for Our family. Please help us to know our children and train them properly. Amen."

Velocity (Middle and High School Students)

Velocity: Velocity is on break until July 10th.

Gravity: Gravity today in the Velocity Theater.

Today’s Songs

The Lord’s Prayer.....Matt Maher

Death Was Arrested.....North Point Worship

New Series "Digital Family"

This is a 6-week series on the family with an emphasis on the roles of pop culture and the digital age, and how both have impacted our families. Pastor Mike and Tyler will be joined by staff members, Chad and Paulette, to talk about Mothers/Fathers, Husband/Wives, and Parenting.

Baby Bottles

Baby Bottles are due next Sunday, June 2nd. All proceeds go to Choices of the Heart.

KidsJAM Summer Camp "Game On"

Summer Camp for rising Kindergarten - rising Third Graders is June 10-14. Camp starts each day at 9:00am and ends at noon. Cost is \$15 per child. Online registration is available now. Go to the church app or website. You can also register at the KidsJAM Welcome Desk.

Look-Up Lodge

Rising 4th, 5th, and 6th Graders leave for Look-Up Lodge this Tuesday, May 28th and return on May 31st. Have fun!