

Raising Kids Who Will Love God and You

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise), SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH. Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:1–4)

1. _____ your children to _____.

“Children, obey your parents in the LORD: for this is right.”

“Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. “These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. “You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. “You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. “You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” (Deuteronomy 6:4–9)

Obedience is doing what you say, when you say to do it, the way you say to do it, all with a happy heart.

2. _____ so that your children will want to
_____ you.

“HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise), SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.” (Ephesians 6:2–3)

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.”
(Luke 9:23)

“Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.” (1 Corinthians 11:1)

3. Don't _____ your children to anger.

“And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath...”
(Ephesians 6:4a).

“and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,” (Hebrews 10:24)

“A gentle answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger. The tongue of the wise makes knowledge acceptable, But the mouth of fools spouts folly. The eyes of the LORD are in every place, Watching the evil and the good. A soothing tongue is a tree of life, But perversion in it crushes the spirit.” (Proverbs 15:1–4)

How do we provoke children to wrath?

- By viewing them as a burden rather than a blessing.
- By never disciplining them or disciplining them out of anger.
- By telling them one thing and doing another.
- By not dealing with our own anger in front of them.
- By wounding your child's spirit and not seeking forgiveness.

4. _____ raise your children in the way they should go.

“And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath but bring them up in the nurture and the admonition of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4).

“Behold, children are a gift of the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth. How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them;



They will not be ashamed When they speak with their enemies in the gate.” (Psalm 127:3–5)

“Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)

5. Provide a _____ for them to grow and mature.

“And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4).

- A. Environment of _____, (4).
- B. Environment of affection and _____, (5-6).
- C. Environment of _____, (4).
- D. Environment of _____, (7-8a).
- E. Environment of _____, (8-9).
- F. Environment of Safety and _____, (14-15).

6. Be _____ and _____ in your discipline.

“And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4).

“and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, “MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM; FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES.” It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to



those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.” (Hebrews 12:5–11)

My Response:

- Read the instruction manual often.
- Remember that all models need assembly.
- Know what the finished product should look like.
- Understand that specific tools are necessary for each step.
- Help from someone who has successfully completed the task is helpful.

Answers: Teach, Obey, Live, Honor, Provoke, Intentionally, Fertile Environment, Acceptance, Affirmation, Availability, Forgiveness, Honest Communication, Protection, Fair, Consistent.

Benediction:

“Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. “These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. “You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. “You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. “You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” (Deuteronomy 6:4–9)

