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

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- Your acceptance or rejection of your duties as a parent will be your real legacy –
- Parenting in today's world is hard!
- If we do NOT train our children – the world will!

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**We Live In A
Culture Hostile to
Godly Values**



■ **Entertainment :**
(movies, sitcoms,
cartoons, music, etc.)

■ **Society :** (radical
individualism; post
modernism; rank
immorality; anger;
discontent; etc.)

■ **Education :** (natural
evolution; immorality;
humanism; etc.)



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HOME UNDER ATTACK

- Distractions - Busy mom's and dad's
- Marriage not respected
- Unfaithfulness in marriage is accepted
- M.D.R. has become acceptable & normal
- The increasing push to normalize the L.G.B.T.Q. agenda.

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Romans 12:2
(NKJV)

² And do not be
conformed to this world,
but be transformed by
the renewing of your
mind, that you may
prove what *is* that good
and acceptable and
perfect will of God.

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- Children are a heritage of the Lord (Ps. 127:3)
- Stewardship implies responsibility (1 Sam 2:29, 31-34; 3:13)
- Being a good steward takes effort (Lk 12:42,43)
- Too many parents live with the regret and pain of failing their children! (1 Sam. 22-24)

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Deuteronomy 6:6–9 (NKJV)

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Judges 2:10–13 (NKJV)
¹⁰ When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel. ¹¹ Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served the Baals;

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Judges 2:10–13 (NKJV)

¹² and they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; and they followed other gods from *among* the gods of the people who *were* all around them, and they bowed down to them; and they provoked the Lord to anger. ¹³ They forsook the Lord and served Baal and the Ashtoreths.

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Ephesians 6:1–4 (NKJV)

¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²

“Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: ³

“that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.” ⁴ And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

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POINTS OF EMPHASIS

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1ST POINT OF EMPHASIS



Teach Them How To Love By Loving (Deut. 6:4,5; Titus 2:4)

- To love them is to value them – to seek their best interest – (*our true values will be seen in what we seek for our children*) (Jn 3:16; 1 Cor 13:8-10)
- Love them by teaching them to love God – by loving God (Deut 6:4,5; Mark 12:29-30; Rom. 8:28; 1 Jn 5:4)
- Love them by teaching them to love others (*brethren / neighbor / less fortunate / enemies*) (Jn 13:34; Ep. 5:2; Mk 12:31; Mat 25:40; 5:44)

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2ND POINT OF EMPHASIS



Teach Them God's Word
(Deut. 6:6-9; Eph. 3:5; 1 Pet 2:2)

- Begin teaching them what the scriptures say early (2 Tim 3:15)
- Teach them “diligently” – keeping it before them at all times (Dt 6:7,8)
- Teach them how to apply the scriptures correctly (2 Tim. 2:15)
- Help them develop their own faith (*evidences / history / etc.*) (Rom. 10:17)
- Teach them by living it (Dt 6:7-9; Gen 18:19; Mat 5:13-16)

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3RD POINT OF EMPHASIS



Discipline Them Properly -
(Eph. 6:4; Prov. 13:24; 19:18; 22:15; 23:13)

- This includes positive teaching and training (*teaching them to respect authority – especially God's / teach them how to work and serve*) (Psalm 34:11-14; Prov 3:1-7; Ecc 12:13)
- Teach them to think correctly (*discerning right from wrong / develop godly attitude*) (Prov 4:1-27)
- Punish disobedience (Prov. 13:24; 22:15; 23:13,14; 29:15,17; Heb 12:7-9)

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4TH POINT OF EMPHASIS



Teach Them To Reverence
& Worship God
(John 4:24; Heb. 12:25-29)

- Teach them to reverence God - the importance of following God's instructions as given (Lev 10:3; Col. 3:17; Heb 12:28; 2 Jn 9)
- Teach them the value and importance of assembling with the saints (Psalm 122:1; Heb 10:24,25)
- Teach them the importance and value of godliness in every aspect of life (Ro. 12:1,2; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1; 1 The 5:17)

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4TH POINT OF EMPHASIS



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(John 4:24; Heb. 12:25-29)

- By consistently attending every service – punctuality
- Teaching them to be quiet – listen to the lessons – stay seated
- Teaching them to participate in the worship (*singing / praying /etc.*)
- Training them to take part in the work of the church -

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5TH POINT OF EMPHASIS

Regulate Their Friends
(Prov. 13:20; 1 Cor. 15:33)



- Do not be deceived into thinking that worldly friends will not negatively influence your child (Prov. 1:10-15; 4:14; Ps. 1:1; 1 Cor 15:33)
- Children may see it as intrusive, especially in the teenage years, but it is necessary – it is your duty to protect them (*same principle as in 1 Cor. 5, a little leaven leavens the whole*) (Eph. 5:11; 2 Cor. 6:14)

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6TH POINT OF EMPHASIS



Teach them danger of
sin and error
(Prov. 5:1-11, 21-23; Isa. 9:16)

- Teach them actions have consequences and that sin has its consequences (Gal. 6:7-9; Gen. 3; Prov. 5; 7:6-27; Rom. 6:23)
- Children must learn that sin and false doctrine is often appealing and always deceitful (Gen. 3; He. 3:12,13; Mt 7:15)
- Being grounded in the truth is a **MUST**, which includes **MANY** warnings of how sin & false teachers operate (1 Cor. 10:1-13; 2 Pet. 2; 3:16|8)

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7TH POINT OF EMPHASIS



Teach Them How To
Represent Christ
(Mat. 5:13-16; Phil. 2:14-16)

- Consistent godly living (*word / deed / appearance*) (Phil. 2:14-16; Rom 2:17-24)
- Kindness, goodness, mercy, obedience, LOVE (Ti. 2:14; Co. 3:12-16; Gal. 5:22,23)
- Patient and confident in trials and suffering (Acts 4:8-13; 5:29-31; 1 Pet 3:13-17; Jam. 1:3-17)
- Teaching about Jesus in word and deed (Act 8:4; 1 Thes. 1:8)

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- LOVE
- KNOWLEDGE
- DISCIPLINE
- REVERENCE
- PROTECTION
- WISDOM
- HONOR

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- Help them develop their mind, attitude & character according to godliness –
- Help them to develop a desire to please and serve God –
- Help them to develop a strong faith in God and His word –

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- It is true that their choice to love, trust and serve God will ultimately be up to them —
- But are we giving them the information, training and guidance they need to equip them to choose wisely?

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- We cannot teach our children that which we do not know and do not have!
- Do we love and serve the Lord as we should?
- If your children follow in your steps - where will they be for eternity?

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