



Raising GOD'S Children

EPHESIANS 6:4

Realizing Responsibility

- Especially as parents we need to recognize that children are a heritage (inheritance) and gift from the Lord.

Psalm 127:3

- Parents have the responsibility of raising God's children and will be held accountable. ***Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21***

What Can Parents Do?

- Parents should lead their children in the ways of godliness. ***Eph. 6:4***
- Proverbs has a lot of guidance in raising children. *“My son,” etc.*
- The whole Bible is filled with instruction on this subject. ***2 Pet. 1:3***
- Let's examine a few steps parents should take to nurture their children in a godly way.

Bring Them Up...

- Teach them to obey you by loving use of Biblical discipline. **Heb. 12:7; Deut. 8:5-6**
- Teach them to fear the Lord and turn away from sin, to love righteousness and hate evil. **Job 28:28; Heb. 1:9; Ps. 119:128**
- Protect your children from ungodly influences. **2 Tim. 2:22; 1 Jn. 2:15-17; Prov. 1:10-15**

Nurture Them...

- Make them aware that God is always observing and evaluating what they do, think, and say. ***Ps. 139:1-12***
- Teach your children that God loves them and has a specific purpose for their lives. ***Jer. 29:11; Lk. 1:13-17***
- Instruct your children daily in God's Word, in conversations and daily devotions. ***2 Tim. 3:15; Deut. 4:9; Deut. 6:5-7***

Admonish Them...

- By example and exhortation, encourage your children to live lives devoted to prayer.

Acts 6:4; Rom. 12:12; 1 Tim. 2:1-2

- Lift your children up to God by constant and earnest intercession. ***Jas. 5:16; 1 Thes. 5:17***
 - Use Jesus prayer for His disciples as a model for parents. ***John 17; Philemon 4***

Instruct Them...

- Establish them in a spiritual church where God's Word is proclaimed, loved and obeyed. **Acts 2:38-39, 41-42**
 - Teach them the motto: *"I am a companion of all who fear You, And of those who keep Your precepts."* **Ps. 119:63**

Guide Them...

- Encourage them to remain separate from the world and to work for the Lord.

2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

- Teach them that they're strangers and pilgrims on this earth. ***Heb. 11:13-16***
- ...That their home and citizenship is in heaven with Christ. ***Phil. 3:20***



Provoke Them To Grow Up In Christ!

2 Peter 3:18

- Have such love and concern for them that you would be willing to pour out your life as if it were a sacrifice to the Lord, in order to deepen their faith and make their lives what they should be in the Lord. ***Phil. 2:17***
- ***2 Tim. 4:6; Rom. 12:1-2***
 - Paul was ready and willing to do this for his spiritual children! Are you? ***2 Tim. 2:10***

Love Them...

- Do all you can to help your children early in life, come to a personal faith in Christ and obedience to His gospel. **Acts 18:8**
- Steps to salvation through Christ:
 - Hear Him **Matthew 17:5**
 - Believe in Him **John 8:24**
 - Repent and live for Him **Luke 13:3**
 - Confess Him **Matthew 10:32-33**
 - Be Baptized Into Christ **Mk. 16:16; Gal: 3:27**