

Child Discipline

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Introduction

Today there is a crisis of discipline in parenting. In the past, kids just weren't allowed to mouth off and act like they do today. The purpose of this minibook is to lay out what God has to say about children rearing. His design and guidelines are perfect. I do not attempt to explain everything, rather, I just present the verses and trust the Holy Spirit to make the truth alive to you as you study and contemplate the Words of Scripture. So before we dive into the collected Scriptures for you to meditate on I encourage you to read this short list that compiles Scripturally-based principles of child rearing:

- ⌘ Love your children and do everything out of love (1 Cor 13, not an emotion, but doing what is right and best for them)
- ⌘ Swiftly discipline
- ⌘ Be very cautious how much entertainment your children have. It would be best for them to have little to no "entertainment." Instead, encourage them engage, explore, create, and to be able to get serious long enough to engrain some of God's Word into their hearts everyday (Teach them Scriptures teachings on topics such as evolution, God's design for the family, marriage, finances, salvation and godly living not just memorization)
- ⌘ Daily give your children responsibilities
- ⌘ Get your children involved in some form of work—helping the family garden, launching their own little businesses, etc...--teach them that work is a gift from God
- ⌘ Help your children apply their God-given talents. And in their adolescent years, be ready to spend extra time with them helping them discover who God has created them to be and helping them learn how to deal with the stresses and conflicts of life by turning their eyes upon the Lord
- ⌘ Teach them to be diligent
- ⌘ Teach them Godly character
- ⌘ And above all else, show them that they are sinners and Jesus Christ has to be not only their Savior, but their Lord (the one who calls the shots in their life)

Scriptures

*My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: **12** For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth. **13** Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. **14** For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. **15** She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.*

Prov 3:11-15

He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

Prov 13:24

A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

Prov 15:5

He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understanding shall find good.

Prov 19:8

*Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware: and reprove one that hath understanding, and he will understand knowledge. **26** He that wasteth his father, and chaseth away his mother, is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach. **27** Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge. **28** An ungodly witness scorneth judgment: and the mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity. **29** Judgments are prepared for scorners, and stripes for the back of fools.*

Prov 19:25-29

*Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upholden by mercy.
29 The glory of young men is their strength: and the beauty of old men is
the gray head.*

Prov 20:28-29

A wise king scattereth the wicked, and bringeth the wheel over them.

Prov 20:26

*The blueness of a wound cleanseth away evil: so do stripes the inward
parts of the belly.*

Prov 20:30

*A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour
rather than silver and gold. 2 The rich and poor meet together: the LORD*

*is the maker of them all. **3** A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished. **4** By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life. **5** Thorns and snares are in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them. **6** Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

Prov 22:1-6

Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

Prov 22:15

*Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge. **13** Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. **14** Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell. **15** My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine. **16** Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things. **17** Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the LORD all the day long. **18** For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off. **19** Hear thou, my son, and be wise,*

and guide thine heart in the way. 20 Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: 21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags. 22 Harken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.

23 Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding. 24 The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him. 25 Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice. 26 My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways. 27 For a whore is a deep ditch; and a strange woman is a narrow pit. 28 She also lieth in wait as for a prey, and increaseth the transgressors among men. 29 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? 30 They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. 31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. 32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. 33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things. 34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast. 35 They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

Prov 23:12-35

The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established for ever.

Prov 29:14

*The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame. **16** When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth: but the righteous shall see their fall. **17** Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.*

Prov 29:15-17

The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

Prov 29:25

*There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother. **12** There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness. **13** There is a generation, O how lofty are*

*their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up. **14** There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men. **15** The horseleach hath two daughters, crying, Give, give. There are three things that are never satisfied, yea, four things say not, It is enough: **16** The grave; and the barren womb; the earth that is not filled with water; and the fire that saith not, It is enough. **17** The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.*

Prov 30:11-17