

Transforming Life 3

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Week Six, Seven & Eight: Train Them Up! The High Call of Christian Parenting

INTRO

1. The _____ from God:
Gen. 1:28
2. Children are divinely _____ gifts from God.
Gen. 4:1, 25; 30:1, 2
3. The _____ of Children:
Ps. 127:3-5
4. Godly Christian parenting is meant to bring _____ to the heart of the parent.
Prov. 29:17
5. Raising up your children according to God's Word is a _____; not an option.
Dt. 6:6, 7
6. The _____ to Parents

Gen. 6:5; Jer. 17:9; Ps. 51:5; 58:3; 2; Ro. 3:10-18; Tm. 3:1-5a; 12,13

7. The _____ of Scripture

Mt. 18:11; Jn. 17:17; Ro. 15:4; Heb. 4:12; Tm. 3:10, 11; 14-17

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it (Prov. 22:6). This is a _____; not a guarantee.

I. Parental Roles

1. God supports the _____.

Ps. 149:9

2. As even the _____ functions in a triune, hierarchical structure, so too, the family operates in the same manner (Eph. 5:22-6:4).

3. "Submission" is the theme for _____ (Eph. 5:21).

4. While mothers may have the greatest _____ on the child, fathers hold the primary responsibility for their upbringing.

5. God holds _____ responsible.

Eli & his sons: 1 Sam. 2:12, 22-25; 3:11-13

6. Mothers are directly involved.

Prov. 1:8,9; Eph. 6:1,2

II. Ephesians 6:1-4

1. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right (v1)

Remind the child that obedience is rendered to the _____.

The standard of what is “right” is God’s standard. The parent is only the _____ representing God.

This means that disciplining in _____ is the wrong approach in parenting.

2. Honor your father and mother (v2)

- 1) A stubborn, _____ and disobedient child was put to death by stoning (Dt. 21:18-21).
- 2) A child who _____ his mother or father was put to death (Ex. 21:17; Lev. 20:9).
- 3) A child was to “_____” his mother and father (Lev. 19:3).
- 4) A child’s _____ expressions were not to dishonor his parents (Prov. 30:17).
- 5) A child honors his parents by _____ carefully to them (Prov. 23:22).

Cursed is he who dishonors his father or mother. And all the people say, ‘Amen’ (Dt. 27:16).

Parents: How do you encourage honor in your child?

By setting the _____; by living a life that is honorable:

- ❖ _____, love your wives sacrificially; lead your family spiritually (Eph. 5:25-32); and provide for them consistently (1 Tm. 1:8).
 - ❖ _____ submit to your husbands (Eph. 5:22); demonstrating a chaste and respectful behavior...with a gentle and quiet spirit (1 Pe. 3:1-5).
 - ❖ Do your _____ heartily, as unto the Lord (Col. 3:23).
 - ❖ Love the _____ your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength (Lk. 10:27).
 - ❖ Love your _____ as yourself (Mt. 22:39).
3. That it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth (v3).

The _____ of life will be rich.

The _____ of life will be long.

4. And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger... (v4a)

This does not mean never _____, oppose, anger or displease your child (Heb. 12:11).

This does mean fathers are not to be the sole catalyst that ignites the child into becoming an angry _____.
Fathers, do not exasperate your children, that they may not lose heart (Col. 3:21).

Fathers are not to be instigators (i.e., to urge on; to goad or incite) of _____ and _____ with their children by either provoking them (active) or exasperating them (passive) by:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____/Chiding
- 3) _____/Condescending
- 4) _____/Harsh words
- 5) Unnecessary physical _____
- 6) Over _____
- 7) _____
- 8) Ignoring/_____
- 9) Physical _____ (slapping, thumping, poking, tripping)
- 10) Not _____ to them
- 11) Not respecting their _____
- 12) _____
- 13) Constant _____ finding
- 14) Unrealistic _____
- 15) Marital disharmony
- 16) Marital disunity
- 17) _____ discipline
- 18) Discipline in front of _____
- 19) Never confessing when you are _____
- 20) Being harder on them than you are on _____.
- 21) Failing to keep _____
- 22) Failing to distinguish between the law of God and the law of the _____.
- 23) By _____ a 'child-centered' home

5. But bring them up in the discipline/training...of the Lord (v4b)

- 1) Children will not grow up to be the person God wants them to be all by _____ (Prov. 22:15).
- 2) In fact, it is actually _____ of the parent not to use the rod.

Prov 13:24

- 3) All are “by _____ children of wrath,” “indulging the desires of the _____ and of the mind” (Eph. 2:3).

Prov 23:12-14

- 4) Parents have an obligation before the Lord to _____ the _____ of their children (Prov. 4:23).
- 5) The goal in Christian parenting is to raise children into _____ adults; knowing their God and able to function in a sinful world without _____.
- 6) All discipline and instruction should be _____-oriented; not _____-oriented. It should not be carried out simply to _____ the frustration of the parent.
- 7) In short, children must be taught how to handle life _____.
- 8) The purpose of godly discipline is for the sake of _____.

Heb 12:5-11

- 9) He who disciplines his child, _____ his child.
- 10) _____ clear rules; _____ the consequences of disobedience clearly; _____ them consistently.
- 11) Types of Corrective Discipline:
- i. _____ (Lk. 15:11-24; Prodigal son; Gal. 6:7)
 - ii. _____ added
 - iii. _____ privileges
 - iv. _____ punishment
- 12) 15 Suggestions for Spanking:
- i. Never when _____
 - ii. Always give _____ instruction beforehand
 - iii. Take the child to a _____ place
 - iv. Always make _____ contact
 - v. One warning; no _____
 - vi. Ask them specifically what they did _____; remind them of the consequences.
 - vii. Make the biblical/ _____ connection (e.g., "What does the Bible say you did?" "What does God think about that?")
 - viii. Express your own sorrow and _____ over what they have done.
 - ix. Use a _____ object
 - x. Spanking should be _____, loving and deliberate.
 - xi. Rebellious _____, screaming, hateful words, etc. calls for more swats.

- xii. Use sufficient _____ and number of swats to accomplish the desired training.
- xiii. The same parent that administered the spanking should be the one who _____ afterward.
- xiv. Help your child _____ with God and others afterward.
- xv. Seek forgiveness when you discipline in _____.

6. Bring them up in the...instruction/admonition of the Lord (v4c)

1) The goal of godly Christian parenting is _____ development and _____ the child to think and act biblically.

2) The _____ are the main source for your parental instruction, which will ultimately give the child _____.

Rom 15:4

3) The child's _____, worldview and perspectives on life all need to be molded in accord with biblical truth.

Rom 12:2

4) Teach your child the importance of guarding their _____.

Prov 4:23

5) Teach your child the importance of saturating their hearts with Scripture in order to be _____ in life and _____ toward God.

Col 3:16

- 6) Teach your child the critical importance of selecting their _____ with caution, care and _____.

Prov 13:20

1 Cor 15:33

- 7) Teach your children to control their _____.

2 Tim 2:22

Prov 6:22-33

- 8) Teach your child a healthy, reverential _____ of the Lord.

Prov 1:7

- 9) Teach your child that the fear of the Lord will help them avoid _____.

Prov 16:6

- 10) Teach your child that the main purpose for their existence is to bring _____ to God in _____ things.

Isa 43:7; 1 Cor 10:31

Recommended Resources for Further Study:

- ❖ God, Marriage, and Family, Andreas J. Köstenberger
- ❖ Shepherding a Child's Heart; Tedd Tripp
- ❖ Age of Opportunity; Paul Tripp
- ❖ Successful Christian Parenting; John MacArthur
- ❖ Teach Them Diligently; Lou Priolo

❖ Withhold Not Correction; Bruce Ray