

# DEAR PARENTS

## Proverbs 22:6 ESV

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

### 1. We train our children through instruction and Godly disciplines

## Ephesians 6:4

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Our children need to be brought up with

- Instruction of the lord
- Discipline of the Lord

## Deuteronomy 6:6-9 ESV

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, 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. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The commands of God should be

- Taught to our children diligently
- Talked about often

## Deuteronomy 4:9-10 ESV

"Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children— 10 how on the day that you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb, the Lord said to me, 'Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so.'

## Exodus 10:1-2 ESV

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, that I may show these signs of mine among them, 2 and that you may tell in the hearing of your son and of your grandson how I have dealt harshly with the Egyptians and what signs I have done among them, that you may know that I am the Lord."

## Psalms 78:4 ESV

We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

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## 2. We train our children through discipline

### Proverbs 13:24 ESV

Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.

### Proverbs 19:18 ESV

Discipline your son, for there is hope...

### Proverbs 22:15 ESV

Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him.

### Proverbs 23:13-14 ESV

Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you strike him with a rod, he will not die. 14 If you strike him with the rod, you will save his soul from Sheol.

### Proverbs 29:17 ESV

Discipline your son, and he will give you rest; he will give delight to your heart.

### Proverbs 14:12 ESV

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.

### Proverbs 6:20-24 ESV

My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching. 21 Bind them on your heart always; tie them around your neck. 22 When you walk, they will lead you; when you lie down, they will watch over you; and when you awake, they will talk with you. 23 For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light, and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life, 24 to preserve you from the evil woman, from the smooth tongue of the adulteress.

Godly instruction, discipline, and teaching will:

- Lead our children
- Watch over our children
- Remind our children
- Be a lamp and light for our children
- Preserve our children

## 3. We train our children through example

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Our children see us or do not see us:

- Reading our Bibles
- Praying
- Involved in Church
- Making decisions with them in mind
- Invested in their interests
- Supporting their emotional needs
- Loving their mother or their father

## **Proverbs 11:21 ESV**

Be assured, an evil person will not go unpunished, but the offspring of the righteous will be delivered.

## **Exodus 20:5-6 ESV**

I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

### **4. We train our children with perseverance**

## **Galatians 6:9 ESV**

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

- 5. We train our children by continuously encouraging them, praying for them and speaking the Word of God over their lives.**

## **Luke 3:22**

You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased.