

Bible Principles for Raising Godly Children

Most people develop over 90% of their personality, attitude, character, work ethic, and world-view by the time they are around 6 years old.

- Starting early is the key to success. - Job 8:5-7; Prov. 22:6, 13:24 (more later)
- “betimes” - Definition → (FM) Gen. 26:31 - Early; before it is too late.
- Treat children as adults as early as possible and give them as much responsibility (and freedom) as they can properly handle.
- **Main Focus:** 1) work hard 2) honest 3) good/teachable attitude. - Prov. 20:13

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES...

- A. Biblically, parents are responsible and fathers are accountable to God for raising godly children. - Ps. 127:3-5, 128:3
 - God’s structure for the family. - 1 Cor. 11:3, 7b-9
 - Fathers/Husbands. - Eph. 6:4; 1 Thess. 2:11; 1 Tim. 3:4
 - Mothers/Wives have been commissioned by God to guide and be keepers in the home. - Titus 2:3-5; Eph. 5:21-25; 1 Pet. 3:1-7; 1 Tim. 5:14
- B. To pray for their children regularly. - Luke 18:1-8; 1 Thess. 5:17; Gal. 6:9
- C. To lead their children to trust Christ as their Saviour. (memorize with children)
 - A. Rom. 3:10-12,23, 6:23; 5:8; 2 Cor. 5:21; Rev. 20:15; Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 10:9-10,13
- D. To establish a regular Family Altar for prayer, Bible study, and memorization.

PARENTS MUST TEACH THEIR CHILDREN...

1. To fear, honor, respect, and obey God and the parents. - Eph. 6:1-3; Col 3:20
2. How they can be sure of their salvation.
 - A. 1 John 5:12-13; John 3:16-18, 36, 5:24; Rom. 4:5, 5:1 (memorize with children)
3. To obey and follow Christ (after salvation).
 - A. How to be faithful and how to stay active in the church. - Heb. 10:24-25
 - B. By a **consistent** example, proper priorities, avoiding hypocrisy. - 1 Tim. 4:12
 - C. Apples don’t usually fall very far from the tree! (If Dad or Mom say or do a certain thing, it must be alright for me too!)
 - D. Don’t expect things of your children that you aren’t willing to do yourself!
4. How to win souls to Christ. - Prov. 11:30
 - A. Pray together with your children for lost people by name and around to world.
 - B. Show them your heart is burdened for the lost. - Ps. 86:15, 126:5-6, 145:8
 - C. Show them how to be “soul-conscious” in everyday life. - Luke 10:30-37
 - D. Show them how to pass out tracts and win souls. - 1 Pet. 3:8-9; Jude 1:21-23
 - E. Take them with you; i.e. serve the Lord together as a family.
5. To read, study, and meditate on God’s word EVERY DAY! - Isa. 34:16, 28:9-10; Joshua 1:8; Ps. 1:2, 119:11, 15, 23, 48, 78, 148; Acts 17:11; 1 Tim. 4:15
 - A. Read: 1) “Proverb of the Day” and/or 2) through the Bible 1-3 chapters/day.

6. To memorize the books of the Bible and memory verses. (Suggest 2 verses/mo.)
 - A. Consistent **repetition** (of all learned verses) is the key to retention.
7. How to find God's will for their lives. - Rom. 12:1-2; Eph. 6:6; 1 Thess. 4:3-5, 5:18, 5:21-22; Col. 4:12; 1 Pet. 3:17, 4:2, 19; 1 Tim. 4:14; Esther 4:14
 - A. Help them discover their spiritual gift(s), i.e. why does God have you here?
8. The King James Bible (AV 1611) is God's perfectly preserved words. - Ps. 119:140
 - A. Show errors in modern "unholy bibles". - Ps. 12:6-7, 119:160
 - B. Teach the Bible commands not to tamper with the Bible. - Deut. 4:2, 12:32; Prov. 13:13, 30:5-6; Rev. 22:18-19
9. To submit to the authority of God, parents, and other authorities. - Dan. 2:21; Ps. 75:6-7; Rom. 13:1-7; Matt. 17:24-27; 1 Pet. 2:13-20; Titus 3:1; 1 Tim. 2:1-3
10. To be content with what God has provided them. - Luke 3:14; Phil. 4:11-12; 1 Tim. 6:6-8; Phil. 4:19; Heb. 13:5
11. To have an attitude of gratitude and thankfulness. - Eph. 5:20; 1 Thess. 5:18
12. To maintain a good attitude and a clear conscience. - Acts 24:16; Rom. 13:5; 2 Cor. 1:12, 4:2; 1 Tim. 1:5, 19, 1 Tim. 3:9; 2 Tim. 1:3; Tit. 1:15; Heb. 13:18; 1 Pet. 3:15-16, 21
13. How to forgive others and themselves. - Eph. 4:32; (Matt. 18:21-35 cf. Luke 17:3-4)
14. Not to hold grudges and how to avoid **bitterness**. - Jer. 4:18; Acts 8:23; Rom. 3:14; Eph. 4:31; Col. 3:19; Heb. 12:14-15; James 3:14
15. How to properly respond to moral impurity (alcohol, drugs, pornography, etc.)
 - A. The key is to "**PRE-DECIDE**" and not to wait until presented with temptation.
 - B. Show children how to **stand alone** in doing the right thing. - Josh. 24:15
16. To have Bible heroes and to read good Christian biographies. - Jer. 5:5
17. To use Bible standards for courtship. - Mal. 2:14; Prov. 5:18 (Booklet Available)
18. How to be "givers" and not "takers" (unselfish). - Deut. 15:7-11; 2 Cor. 9:7; Luke 6:38; Prov. 11:25, 19:17, 22:9, 28:27; Acts 20:35
19. How to have an effective and disciplined quiet time & prayer life. - 1 Thess. 5:17
20. How to make and keep good friends (parental authority!) - Prov. 1:10-15, 13:20, 22:24-25; 24:1-2, 28:7, 24; 1 Cor. 15:33; Ps. 119:63; Eph. 5:15-16
21. To understand Biblical principles concerning finances, money, and debt.
 - A. Rom. 13:8; 1 Tim. 6:6-10; 1 Sam. 22:2; Prov. 22:26; 2 Kings 4:1; Matt. 18:23-25; Prov. 21:20; Eph. 4:28; Deut. 14:1-2, 15:6, 28:1-14; Prov. 22:7; James 2:6; Isa. 56:8-12; Prov. 13:11, 15:27; 15:16; Heb. 13:5