

Doing Family God's Way
Parents and Children
Ephesians 6:1-5; Psalm 127

I. Children should view their parents as God's representative.

1. Obey

Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching. For they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck. Proverbs 1:8-9

My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching. Bind them on your heart always; tie them around your neck. 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. For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching is a light. Proverbs 6:20-23

2. Honor

Matthew 15:3-6

II. Parents should view their children as God's gift.

1. Do not provoke

2. Discipline

Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him. Proverbs 14:24 (19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:15, 17)

For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Hebrews 12:11

3. Instruct

You shall teach them diligently to your children, and you 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. Deuteronomy 6:7

III. The goal of child-rearing:

A. Exemplified by Jesus

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man. Luke 2:52

1. Physical Development
2. Intellectual Development
3. Social Development
4. Spiritual Development

B. Explained by 2 Timothy 3:14-16

C. Illustrated by the Archer