

Training Young Disciples Notes

Ephesians 6:1-4

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Main Point: The task of parenting is to train young disciples.

A Child's Responsibility

1. Heed with their _____ (vs. 1).
 - They will be much _____ and more joyful if they can learn the biblical discipline of obedience.
 - The term "obey" comes from two words, "under" and "listen" which carries the idea of "_____ under by submitting."
 - To obey means to _____ up under your parent's authority by keeping their rules, by listening carefully to what they have to say, and then doing what they tell you to do.
 - Disobedience to parents is a sign of _____ (Romans 1:29-31).
 - Not obeying parents is a mark of _____ in the last days (2 Timothy 3:2).
 - Children are to obey their parents "because of the Lord," as if they were obeying the _____ directly.
 - Kids are to obey, not because they like to or because it's what their parents want, but because it's what the Lord _____.
 - It is their responsibility to Christ.
 - We are to obey our parents "for this is _____." Meaning it's "the correct and proper course."
2. Honor with your _____ (vs 2-3).
 - The word "honor" means "to value _____, prize, and esteem."
 - It implies we assign the greatest possible weight to a person in terms of respect by holding them in "high regard."
 - To honor someone is to measure his or her _____ on a scale and concluding that it is "heavy."
 - To dishonor means to treat someone as if they were "light or _____" like a cotton ball.
 - There are blessings and benefits when we obey.
 - Quality of life.
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A Parent's Responsibility

1. Cultural setting
 - Men who were Roman citizens were given absolute _____ over their families.

- By law, his children and wife were regarded as the patriarch's personal _____, and he could do with them what he wished.
 - A displeased dad could disown his kids, sell them into slavery, or even kill them if he wished.
2. Our kids are not property to own but image bearers of God who need to be managed and _____.
 3. We are called to provide a proper _____ environment where our kids can grow up to love and serve Christ.
 4. Avoid _____.
 - We're not to stir up _____ in our kids either deliberately or through careless provocations.
 - The Greek word translated "provoke" means "to rouse to anger, to enrage, _____ or embitter."
 - The word "anger" refers to "wrath and _____."
 - We can provoke them by deliberately goading them, by callously neglecting them, or by any number of other intentional or careless acts or attitudes which exasperate them.
 - Common ways to exasperate children.
 - Overprotection.
 - Overindulgence.
 - Favoritism.
 - Unrealistic expectations.
 - Fault-finding.
 - Discouragement.
 - Neglect.
 - Inconsistent discipline.
 - Excessive discipline.
 - Constant nagging.
 - Hypocrisy.
 - Anger.
 - Emotional or physical abuse.
 5. _____ your children.
 - The phrase "bring them up" means to "_____ or feed."
 - We are to bring our children up because they will not get there by themselves.
 - We are to take an _____ role in shaping the character and conduct of our children.
 6. Discipline and direct.
 - It is the idea of a _____ or a warning.
 - "Kids who never have accountability for their actions will continue through life thinking nothing is their fault and everything is owed to them." (Proverbs 29:15).
 - If we _____ our kids, then we will admonish, rebuke, and discipline them (Hebrews 12:6).

- Discipline produces a harvest of righteousness and _____ for those who have been trained by it (Hebrews 12:11).
 - The main reason we're called to discipline our children is because of _____, or the sinfulness of sin.
 - The main goal is to help our children see that the gospel is the _____ to selfish sinfulness so that they become lifelong disciples.
 - The purpose of punishment is to inflict _____ and focuses on the past.
 - The purpose of discipline is to promote _____ by looking to the future.
 - Article "Require Obedience of Your Children"
 - Requiring obedience of children is implicit in the biblical requirement that children obey their parents.
 - Requiring obedience should be practiced at home on inconsequential things so that it is possible in public on consequential things.
 - It takes effort to require obedience, and it is worth it.
 - Children whose parents require obedience are happier.
 - Requiring obedience is not the same as requiring perfection.
7. Intentionally _____ (vs. 4).
- This literally means, "to place before the _____."
 - Deuteronomy 6:7
 - Teach _____ intentionally (vs. 7) - The phrase "teach diligently" means "to sharpen" or to "teach incisively."
 - Talk truth _____ (vs 7) – we are to make an impression upon our children by talking about God when we're sitting at home, when we're out and about, at bedtime and at breakfast.
8. Evangelize and disciple.
- The goal of parenting is for our kids to embrace the grace of the gospel and to _____ Christ for the rest of their lives.
 - We are to bring up our children to hope in the triumph of God.
 - Bring them up to know the gospel of grace and do whatever you can to help them embrace it.
 - Bring them up to find their place in the triumphant cause of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Bring them up to see everything in relation to the victory of God.
 - Bring them up to know that the path of sin is a dead-end street because righteousness will prevail in the end.
 - Our mandate is to develop children who seek to _____ God with their lives.
 - It is not enough to teach them to do good things; our job is to teach our children how to develop a godly _____ of gathering, growing, giving, and going with the gospel.