

Ephesians 6:1

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

Colossians 3:20 Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord.

Ephesians 6:2-3

Honor your father and mother

(which is the first commandment with a promise),

³that it may be well with you,

and that you may live long on the earth.

Proverbs 23:22 Listen to your father who begot you, And do not despise your mother when she is old.

²³ Buy truth, and do not sell it, Get wisdom and instruction and understanding.

²⁴ The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice, And he who begets a wise son will be glad in him.

²⁵ Let your father and your mother be glad, And let her rejoice who gave birth to you.

²⁶ Give me your heart, my son, And let your eyes delight in my ways.

How to raise children of honor

1. Model honor

honor God

honor their mom or dad (your spouse including your ex)

honor their grandparents (including the in-laws)

honor authorities (including politicians of the other party)

honor others of all diversities

honor the child (including using honorable language and tone)

2. Study honor in Scripture as well as in historical and contemporary people

3. Allow only honorable influences (friends and media)

Ephesians 6:4a

And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger;

Colossians 3:21 Fathers, do not exasperate your children, that they may not lose heart.

How to raise children of peace

1. Set an example of peace. Model and teach that anger produces ministry (not suppression or aggression). Model righteous anger.

Ephesians 4:26 Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,

²⁷ and do not give the devil an opportunity.

²⁸ Let him who steals steal no longer; but rather let him labor, performing with his own hands what is good, in order that he may have *something* to share with him who has need.

²⁹ Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a *word* as is good for edification according to the need *of the moment*, that it may give grace to those who hear.

³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

³² And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children;

² and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

Proverbs 22:24 Do not associate with a man *given* to anger; Or go with a hot-tempered man,

²⁵ Lest you learn his ways, And find a snare for yourself.

2. provide a joyful home
3. prayerfully study your child (the root of anger: pain, frustration or fear)
4. listen (really listen), empathize, affirm and pray
5. honor and love their mother (inability to protect Mom produces anger)
6. honor and love the child
7. be there
8. keep "promises"
9. set age-appropriate expectations
10. inspire achievement while avoiding perfectionism
11. avoid being critical
12. avoid being too restrictive as well as too permissive
13. encourage without flattery
14. avoid sarcasm
15. be careful with humor
16. teach conviction of sin without crushing the spirit
17. be generous without spoiling
18. teach how to win and how to lose
19. reward character
20. avoid comparisons
21. avoid favoritism
22. discipline
 - a. with clear boundaries and consequences
 - b. communicating love (before, during and after)
 - c. calmly (never in anger; never yelling)
 - d. privately (avoid public embarrassment)
 - e. consistently
23. bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord:

Ephesians 6:4b

but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Proverbs 19:18 Discipline your son while there is hope, And do not desire his death.

Proverbs 23:13 Do not hold back discipline from the child,
Although you beat him with the rod, he will not die.
¹⁴ You shall beat him with the rod, And deliver his soul from Sheol.

Proverbs 29:17 Correct your son, and he will give you comfort; He will also delight your soul.
Proverbs 13:24 He who spares his rod hates his son,
But he who loves him disciplines him diligently.

Proverbs 22:15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child;
The rod of discipline will remove it far from him.

Proverbs 29:15 The rod and reproof give wisdom,
But a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother

Proverbs 17:10 A rebuke goes deeper into one who has understanding
Than a hundred blows into a fool.

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go,
Even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 1:8 Hear, my son, your father's instruction,
And do not forsake your mother's teaching;

Deuteronomy 6:4 "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!
⁵ "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your
might.

⁶ "And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart;

⁷ and you shall teach them diligently to your sons 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 up.

2 Timothy 3:12 ...all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

¹³ But evil men and impostors will proceed *from bad* to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

¹⁴ You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from
whom you have learned *them*;

¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom
that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in
righteousness;

¹⁷ that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

All Scripture is from the NASV.