

Ephesians 6:1-4a

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

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.

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

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.
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
- f. swiftly

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.

Ephesians 6:5-9

⁵Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh,
with fear and trembling,
in the sincerity of your heart,
as to Christ;

A ⁶not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers,

B but as slaves of Christ,

C doing the will of God

D from the heart.

D' ⁷With good will

C' render(ing) service,

B' as to the Lord,

A' and not to men,

⁸knowing that whatever good thing each one does,
this he will receive back from the Lord,
whether slave or free.

⁹And, masters, do the same things to them,
~~and~~ give(ing) up threatening,
knowing that both their Master and yours is in heaven,
and there is no partiality with Him.