

# TRAINING OUR CHILDREN

## INTRO

As parents we need not pray our children turn out right if we will train (correct and instruct) them in God's way. It is not an accident when children turn out right, it is work. Godly children do not just grow up, they are trained up. All children are not the same. They are all unique, but all need to be trained to obey. Most parents train their children to obey the second time an instruction is given, to obey when they raise their voice, to obey when daddy comes home, to obey when they threaten them, and to obey when they count to ten. Parents should train their children to obey when they are asked the first time. They learn obedience to God by the way we train them, and obedience toward God is never optional or to be delayed.

### **I. Eight Good Reasons Why You Should Correct Your Children.**

- A. It shows you do not hate your child Proverbs 13:24.
- B. It is the time of hope, implying that hope to influence them diminishes after a certain time Proverbs 19:18.
- C. It is your guarantee when they are old that they will not revolt or rebel Proverbs 22:6.
- D. It drives foolishness from them Proverbs 22:15.
- E. It will not kill them Proverbs 23:13. We are not talking about bruising or breaking the skin in any way.
- F. It will deliver their soul from hell Proverbs 23:14.
- G. It gives them wisdom and avoids shaming their mother Proverbs 29:15.
- H. It gives rest and delight to you and your house Proverbs 29:17.
  - 1. For some, it is too late to use spanking, but not all correction needs to be in the form of spanking.
  - 2. There should always be some means of discipline to correct behavior.
  - 3. There also needs to be a balance between correcting bad behavior and rewarding good behavior.

### **II. Reinforce the Behavior You Want to See by Giving Reward, Praise, Encouragement, and Instruction for:**

- A. Good attitudes.
- B. Obedience.
- C. Honor.

### **III. Rectify the Behavior You Do Not Want to See by Giving Discipline, Correction, and Instruction for:**

- A. Disobedience, rebellion, defiance.
- B. Back talk or sassing.
- C. Bad attitudes.
- D. Raising their voice in a dishonoring way.
- E. Temper tantrums.
- F. Whining and complaining.
- G. Pouting (silent complaining).

### **IV. In the Old Testament Law There Were Five Main Laws Governing Children's Behavior Toward Their Parents or Family Laws:**

- A. Honor - Esteem and regard highly; show deference to which is courteous regard by yielding one's opinions, claims, judgments, and wishes Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16.
- B. Respect and Reverence - To show consideration and courteous regard Leviticus 19:3.
- C. Do not use physical violence Exodus 21:15.
- D. Do not verbally abuse or curse - To utter reproach; to verbally insult, violate, or disrespect Exodus 21:17; Leviticus 20:9.

- E. Do not make light of them - To esteem lightly; dishonor or curse in any way; to show disrespect, irreverence, or disobey Deuteronomy 27:16.  
(We can still learn from the Law because it communicated something of God's standard of what was holy, just, and good Romans 7:12; God's moral law has never changed.)