

Parenting According to the Bible
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Teaching and Training (Part 1 of 2)

1. It is the responsibility of parents to teach and train their children

Proverbs 4.1-6 Hear, *O* sons, the instruction of a father, And give attention that you may gain understanding, For I give you sound teaching; Do not abandon my instruction. When I was a son to my father, Tender and the only son in the sight of my mother, Then he taught me and said to me, “Let your heart hold fast my words; Keep my commandments and live; Acquire wisdom! Acquire understanding! Do not forget nor turn away from the words of my mouth. “Do not forsake her, and she will guard you; Love her, and she will watch over you.

Proverbs 14.26 In the fear of the LORD there is strong confidence, And his children will have refuge.

2. What kinds of things does the Bible say are involved in teaching and training?

Proverbs 1.7

Deuteronomy 6.4-9 “Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. “These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. 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. “You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. “You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Proverbs 10.9-10 He who walks in integrity walks securely, But he who perverts his ways will be found out. He who winks the eye causes trouble, And a babbling fool will be ruined.

Proverbs 23.15-16 My son, if your heart is wise, My own heart also will be glad; And my inmost being will rejoice When your lips speak what is right.

3. Other truths to consider

The impact of the husband-wife relationship

God-centered vs. child-centered parenting

Hope

Hebrews 4:15 -16 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are, yet* without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

4. Practical tools to help