

“Wisdom to Live By!”

Part 6: “Parents, Children, Family ... and the Church”

Proverbs 1:8-9, 13:24, 19:18, 22:6,15,
23:13-14, 29:15,17; Exodus 20:12;
Deuteronomy 4:9-10, 6:6-9; Ephesians
6:1-4; Colossians 3:20



Introduction: Because of the sin and brokenness of the world we live in, we have experienced some of the negative consequences of sinful behavior in our families ... and in the church.

The family unit, along with the community of God’s people, today, the Church, are at the center of God’s plan to establish His kingdom, His reign upon the earth.

God created the family to work within the larger context of His people, in order to make disciples of Jesus!!

I. The Goal: to multiply believers, followers, disciples ... who will love, honor, serve and glorify God.

“If you aim at nothing, you are sure to hit it!!”

Psalms 127:3:

Children are entrusted to parents for God’s purposes: to tell them about HIM !!

Psalms 145:4-7, 11-12: “One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. ... they shall speak of your awesome deeds ...” (vss. 4,6).

Deuteronomy 4:4-10:

Our goal, as parents and as the people of God must be to disciple the children God has entrusted to us!

Proverbs 22:6:

II. The Means: Instruction and discipline ...

Ephesians 6:17:

We are raising soldiers for Christ’s army, and we are in a spiritual battle every day!

The advantage the Jews had, and that the people of God today have, is access to the Word of God.

Ephesians 6:1-4:

Children, YOU have a part to play in becoming disciples of Jesus:
Listen and obey !

Deuteronomy 6:4-10:

God says a lot about the need for discipline as a teaching opportunity.

Proverbs 13:24, 19:18:

Proverbs 22:15, 23:13-14, 29:15,17:

The lawlessness and rebellious behavior of many young people today can be traced back directly to the lack of godly discipline.

Bringing your children up “*in the discipline and instruction of the Lord*” is the most LOVING thing you can do for your children!

Hebrews 13:17:

III. The Result: God’s blessing ...

Proverbs 22:6:

Ephesians 6:1-3:

Listening to and obeying your parents “*in the Lord*” brings peace and joy to your home and to the church.

Proverbs 22:15, 23:13-14, 29:15,17:

Teaching and discipline bring order out of chaos, and they bring comfort and stability, along with a sense of safety, to our children.

God’s truth and His commandments are given for our GOOD !!