

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR REARING CHILDREN

Ephesians 6:4

Genesis 18:16-19

1. Never defend your children when they are wrong. *Job 1:4-5 / 2 Cor 7:8-11*
2. Do not make excuses for them. *Ezekiel 18*
3. Never criticize authorities in the presence of your children. *Acts 23:1-5*
4. Never permit them to talk back, but always encourage them to talk. *Ephesians 6:4*
5. Praise them often. They do more good than bad. *Proverbs 3:27*
6. Expect them to do what they are told to do, when they are told to do it. *Ephesians 6:1*
7. Break their will early or they will break your heart later. *Proverbs 13:24; 19:18; 22:15*
8. Discipline consistently and in one accord. *Ecclesiastes 4:9*
9. Regulate or remove the television; they won't die. *Psalms 101:3*
10. Have fun with your kids. *Proverbs 17:22*
11. Keep your promises or, at least, do not forget them. *Proverbs 13:12*
12. Make a point to show an interest in their interests. *1 Kings 10*
13. Teach them responsibility. *Matthew 25:19*
 - o Their chores
 - o Their belongings
14. Teach them to do their best in everything. *Daniel 1:3-4*
15. Teach them to speak respectfully. *Daniel 1:4, 17-19; Acts 7:22* *Politeness/Patience/Peace/Perseverance*
16. Teach them to be thankful for what they have. *2 Timothy 3:1-2; Romans 1:21*
17. Teach them that what happens at home stays at home.
 - o Matters of discipline.
 - o Matters of humanity.
18. Never give them anything they are attempting to get by crying.
19. Teach them about the proper use of money; that is, tithing, bills, savings, etc.
 - A There are many things more valuable than money.
 - 1) The Word of God. *Psalms 19:7-10; 119:72, 127*
 - 2) Wisdom and understanding. *Job 28:12-19*
 - 3) A good name. *Proverbs 22:1*
 - 4) The reproach of Christ. *Hebrews 11:24-26*
 - 5) A life of righteousness. *Psalms 37:16*
 - B The tithe is the Lord's. *Proverbs 3:9*
 - C Pay your bills.
 - D Save as you are able.
20. Pray for your children by name in their hearing.