

THE PRINCIPLES OF PARENTING

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(Proverbs 22:6)

No one can tell you how to **TEACH** your children. However, God has given you a blueprint on how to **RAISE** your children. You **CANNOT** teach every child the same way because every child is different. **HOWEVER**, you can **RAISE** every child the same way.

The difference between teaching your child and raising your child is understanding the difference between **EXPERIENCE** and **PRINCIPLES**! Everyone has been exposed to different experiences. Those experiences have shaped the way you teach your children.

For example, if you've experienced living in a poor household the probability of teaching your children

survival skills is very high. As parents, we teach from the reservoir of our experience.

YOU CAN ONLY TEACH WHAT YOU KNOW!

If you've experienced living in a affluent household the probability of you teaching your children about the value of an opportunity and the power of an education is high. Every parent will pull from their well of experiences in order to teach their child what **THEY BELIEVE** is right.

Raising your children on Biblical principles has nothing to do with your experiences. Principles are governed by God because they **CANNOT** change. When you are able to take your experiences and **ALIGN** them with Kingdom principles you will be able to build a firm foundation for your children to stand on.

While raising and teaching your children God is not suggesting you **NEGLECT** your experiences. He wants

you to **GOVERN** your child with **HIS PRINCIPLES** while **TEACHING** them with your experiences.

26 BIBLICAL PARENTING PRINCIPLES TO INSTILL IN YOUR CHILDREN:

These principles mirror the way our Heavenly Father
raises us.

- **TEACH YOUR CHILDREN:** (John 14:26) God the Father sent the Holy Spirit to **TEACH** His children all things. The purpose of teaching your children is to **DIRECT** them in the ways of righteousness. Teach your children to live a life of righteousness.
- **TRAIN YOUR CHILDREN:** (Proverbs 22:6) The purpose of **TRAINING** is to **BUILD**. Our Heavenly Father builds us up with His Wisdom. His Wisdom empowers us to stand on a firm foundation. You should be **BUILDING** your children with the Wisdom of God.

- **DISCIPLINE YOUR CHILDREN:** (Hebrews 12:10-11) Our Heavenly Father **PUNISHES** us when we do wrong. His punishment reminds us that we need to **IMPROVE OUR CHARACTER**. Without discipline your children will never be corrected.
- **PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN:** (Psalms 91:1-2) Our Heavenly Father protects us from danger because He loves us. **YOU WILL ONLY PROTECT WHAT YOU LOVE!** If you love your children you will protect them.
- **LEAD YOUR CHILDREN:** (John 16:13) Jesus **LED** the disciples. The Holy Spirit **LEADS** us into all truth. Our Heavenly Father gave us a leader so we do not have to walk in ignorance. What God did for you should be reflected toward your children. **LEAD** your children into righteousness like the Holy Spirit leads us.
- **PROVIDE FOR YOUR CHILDREN:** (Genesis 22:14) Abraham acknowledged the Lord as the Supreme

Provider for His children. Our Heavenly Father provides for us because He wants to see us do well. You should give your children the **SAME OPPORTUNITY**.

- **DON'T GIVE CHILDREN MORE THAN THEY CAN HANDLE:** (Matthew 25:14-15) Our Heavenly Father will never put more on us than we can bear. He does not want us to grow, prematurely. Only give your children what they can **HANDLE** so they won't be overwhelmed by unreasonable expectations.
- **LOVE YOUR CHILDREN:** (Romans 5:8) God loves us despite our sinning ways. His love influenced us to love Him back. You should love your children the same way our Heavenly Father loves us. In the midst of them doing wrong or being rebellious, love them!
- **EQUIP YOUR CHILDREN TO SUCCEED:** (John 15:26) Our Heavenly Father equipped us to succeed naturally and spiritually when He sent us the **HOLY SPIRIT**. You should equip your children with

resources, support, provision, knowledge and wisdom so they can be empowered.

- **CORRECT YOUR CHILDREN:** (Proverbs 13:18) Our Heavenly Father does not want us to be poor. He helps us by **CORRECTING** us. Correction prevents destruction and poverty. Save your children from experiencing **UNNECESSARY** pain by correcting them when they are out of order.
- **BE MERCIFUL:** (Lamentations 3:23) Our Heavenly Father gives us new mercy everyday. The gift of mercy gives us another chance to do better. You should give your children this same gift so they can develop and do better. **PEOPLE GROW TO THE LEVEL OF MERCY THAT IS GIVEN TO THEM.**
- **EDUCATE THEM:** (Isaiah 1:17) God commanded us to learn. He sent the Holy Spirit to teach and educate us so we can learn to do well. **EDUCATION EMPOWERS YOU TO SUCCEED ON THE EARTH.**

Our Heavenly Father educates us. You should do the same thing for your children.

- **DO NOT SPOIL YOUR CHILDREN:**

(Proverbs 29:21) Our Heavenly Father does not spoil us. He understands that spoiling His children will create an attitude of entitlement and ungratefulness. Do not spoil your children. Give them what they need. Give your children a **BALANCED** life because God did this for us.

- **LET THEM FLY ON THEIR OWN:** (1st

Corinthians 13:11) Our Heavenly Father knows how to manage our maturity. He knows when to hold our hand and when to let go. When your children have learned to make **WISE DECISIONS**, it is time to let them fly on their own. This has **NOTHING** to do with a child's age. It has everything to do with a child's **STAGE**.

- **REWARD THEM WHEN THEY DO GOOD:**

(Deuteronomy 28:2) Our Heavenly Father rewards us when we obey Him. His rewards **INSPIRE** the way we

behave. When your children do good, reward them with a gift or a special privilege. **DO NOT DEPRIVE** your children from being rewarded when they do good because God does not deprive you.

- **SPEAK GOD’S WORD TO THEM:** (Jeremiah 1:4-5) God’s Word was spoken into Jeremiah’s life and he **BECAME** a prophet. Every parent has the power to speak things into existence over their child’s life because they have authority over them. Make sure you speak God’s Word over your children daily.
- **GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS:** (Jonah 1:1-3) God loved Jonah. When the Lord told Jonah to go to Nineveh, Jonah went to Tarshish. God allowed Jonah to make his own decision even though it was **WRONG**. Give your child the opportunity to make their own decisions so they can **LEARN** how to choose what is right.

- **PROVIDE YOUR CHILDREN WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THEIR MATURITY:** (1st Samuel 17) God gave David the **OPPORTUNITY** to fight Goliath. Joseph had an **OPPORTUNITY** to work for Pharaoh. Give your children the opportunity to **SHOW** their maturity. Our Heavenly Father did this for us.
- **PROVIDE MANY ENRICHING EXPERIENCES THAT WILL BROADEN THEIR MIND:** (Acts 20:1-18) God sent the Apostle Paul to different countries to preach the Gospel. His mind was expanded because he was able to experience **DIFFERENT** things, people and cultures. Give your children different experiences so they can have a broader view of life.
- **LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN:** (1st John 5:14) When we talk, God listens. He wants to know what is on the hearts of His children. **COMMUNICATION BUILDS**

RELATIONSHIPS. Listen to your children because God listens to you.

- **SPEND TIME WITH YOUR CHILDREN:**

(Matthew 5:1-12) Jesus **EMPOWERED** the disciples to learn His ways by spending time with them. Spending time is one of the greatest investments you can give to your children. Empower your children by investing time into them.

- **TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO**

PRIORITIZE: (Proverbs 4:7) God taught us that Wisdom is the principle thing. Our Heavenly Father taught us how to be effective by teaching us how to prioritize. Instill this same principle into your children.

- **TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO HONOR**

AUTHORITY: Honoring authority will determine what you will gain and what you will lose. God **COMMANDS** us to honor authority so we can be

blessed. Position your children to be blessed by teaching them to honor authority, Godly or ungodly.

- **ALWAYS BE AVAILABLE:** (Hebrews 13:5-6) God will **NEVER** leave nor forsake us. Give your children this same privilege because your Heavenly Father gave it to you.
- **MENTOR YOUR CHILDREN ON HOW TO SPEAK:** (Proverbs 13:3) Our Heavenly Father encourages us to speak with wisdom. **THE WORDS YOU SAY WILL DETERMINE THE FUTURE YOU WILL CREATE.** Teach your children to speak with wisdom so they can live among the wise.
- **GIVE YOUR CHILDREN AN ALLOWANCE:** (Malachi 3:8-10) God blessed you to earn a salary so you can honor Him with your harvest. You should give your children an allowance that fits your budget so they can **LEARN TO HONOR** God with

money. Give your children the opportunity to receive blessings from heaven because your Heavenly Father gave you this opportunity.

God raises His children on His principles. You
should do the same!

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