

HOW TO BE A GREAT PARENT

The Perfect Family – Part 3

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Ephesians 6:1-4

PARENTING 101

1. TEACH KIDS THE RIGHT MESSAGE.

*"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right."
Ephesians 6: 1 (NIV)*

Lesson #1: Kids learn to obey.

"Children, obey your parents in all things, because this pleases the Lord." Colossians 3:20 (NCV)

Lesson #2: Kids learn to honor.

"Honor your father and mother' -- which is the first commandment with a promise--" vs. 2 (NIV)

2. TEACH KIDS IN THE RIGHT MANNER.

*"Fathers, do not exasperate your children..."
Ephesians 6:4a (NIV)*

"Now a word to you parents. Don't keep scolding and nagging your children, making them angry and resentful..." Ephesians 6:4a (LB)

"Fathers, do not nag your children. If you are too hard to please, they may want to stop trying." Colossians 3:21 (NCV)

Lesson #3: Kids need encouragement.

"Careless words stab like a sword..." Proverbs 12:18 (NCV)

3. TEACH KIDS THE RIGHT MASTER.

"...bring them up in the TRAINING and INSTRUCTION of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4 (NIV)

Lesson #4: Kids need discipline.

*"My child, don't ignore when the Lord disciplines you and don't be discouraged when He corrects you for the Lord corrects those He loves. Just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights."
Proverbs 3:11-12 (NLT)*

Lesson #5: Kids need direction.

“These commands that I give you today are to be upon your heart. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home or when you walk along the road, when you lie down or when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.”

Deuteronomy 6: 5-8 (NIV)

“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.” Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)