

The Godly Woman As A Mother
Responsibilities To Our Children



“Your children are God's assignment or commission, and He does not waste children on parents. He knows the very kind to send you. Did you think God gave you children because of what you could do for them? That's only one part. He gave them because of what they could do for you. You can meet your children's particular needs and they can meet yours in a unique and special way.” - *Howard Hendricks*

1. What are the various words used in Psalm 127 to describe children?

What do each of these words mean to you?

2. Who is responsible for training the children?
a. Proverbs 1:8

b. Proverbs 29:15-17

What is the mother's responsibility?

3. What are the parents' responsibilities in the following verses:
a. Ephesians 6:4

b. Deuteronomy 6:1-7

c. Proverbs 2:1, 3:1, 4:1, 5:1, 7:1

4. How are we to love our children?
a. Matthew 3:17

b. Genesis 22:2

c. II Samuel 18:33

d. Luke 8:40-42 & -19-56

e. I Corinthians 13:4-7

5. Define the following terms:

- a. Teach
- b. Instruct
- c. Train
- d. Discipline
- e. Nurture

6. What does Psalm 127:3 teach us concerning our responsibility?

7. What are children like?

- a. I Corinthians 14:20
- b. I Corinthians 3:1-3
- c. Mark 10:15.....

8. A lack of security plagues the younger generation today. They are grasping for something stable, un-moveable, and real. From the following Scriptures, list some things we can do as a parent to help our children be secure:

- a. Proverbs 22:6
- b. Proverbs 14:26 (Living)
- c. II Corinthians 1:17-19 (Living)
- d. Matthew 18:10-14
- e. Proverbs 3:11, 12

9. What is the learning process?

- a. James 1:2-4
- b. II Peter 1:12-15

Note the spiral of learning: repetition, experience, relearning, experience and so forth. This should produce progressive change upward toward more complete understanding.

10. Where else do children learn apart from the home?

- a. Proverbs 1:10-14
- b. Psalm 119:105
- c. John 14:26
- d. I Samuel 12:23

11. Read Hebrews 12:5-11 in at least three translations. Then record what, to you, are the four most important aspects of this passage.

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

12. Match the following Scriptures with the principles involved regarding discipline:

<i>Principles</i>	<i>Scriptures</i>
Expression of love	Matthew 5:37
Don't nag	Proverbs 13:24
Be consistent	Ecclesiastes 5:5
Be fair	Genesis 37:3
Be impartial	James 1:8
Use an inanimate object	Acts 10:34
Fulfill every promise	Proverbs 23:13, 14
Don't lose your temper	Proverbs 25:28
Get the facts	Proverbs 18:13
Do it now	Ecclesiastes 8:11

13. What can be the result of undisciplined children?

- a. I Samuel 3:13
- b. Titus 1:16, I Timothy 3:4
- c. Proverbs 29:15
- d. Proverbs 19:18 (Living) "Discipline your son in his early years while there is hope. If you don't you will ruin his life."

Proper discipline is a crying need of every child.

14. What are some of the reasons mothers do not discipline their children?

15. Children also need encouragement. Match the ways of encouragement with the following Scriptures:

Ways	Scriptures
Be kind and understanding	James 1:19
Listen to them	Proverbs 31:26
Take time for them	Ecclesiastes 3:1
Take time with them	John 21:3-6
Be interested in their interests	Mark 3:14
Show your love and approval	1 John 3:18

16. In what ways have your children been a spiritual blessing to you?

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17. From the following examples from the Word of God, what would you say is one of the greatest influences in forming a child's character? John 4:53, Job 1:5, Mark 5:22-24, 41, 42

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18. Write in these columns what you feel your strengths and weaknesses are as a parent.

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
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Suggestions For Further Study

- Tape 1150AB - Child Rearing - Part 1, Howard Hendricks
- Tape 1151AB - Child Rearing - Part 2, Howard Hendricks
- Tape 1152AB - Child Rearing - Part 3, Howard Hendricks
- Tape 971A - Disciplining Your Child, Joe Temple
- Tape 971B - Restricting Your Child, Joe Temple
- Tape 26 - Parent-Child Relationship, George Sanchez
- Tape 1064 - Spiritual Goals for the Child, Shirley Rice
- Tape 1065 - The Child's Two Needs: Love and Discipline, Shirley Rice
- Tape 1807 - Priesthood of Parents - Part 1, Larry Christensen
- Tape 1808 - Priesthood of Parents - Part 2, Larry Christensen
- Tape 1811 - God's Order for Parents - Part 1, Larry Christensen
- Tape 1812 - God's Order for Parents - Part 2, Larry Christensen
- Tape 1965 - God's Order for Children, Larry Christensen

- Parents on the Run by Willard & Marguerite Beecher, Julian Press
- Dare to Discipline by James Dobson, Tyndale House
- Children, Fun or Frenzy by Mr. and Mrs. Al Fabrizio, Box 182, Palo Alto, California
- Heaven Help the Home, by Howard Hendricks, Victor Press
- Understanding Your Children, by Dr. Clyde Narramore, Zondervan publishers.

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Practical Helps

1. We can't make Christ a reality to them if He is not to us. II Timothy 1:5
2. Practice what you want them to practice. I Corinthians 11:1
 - a. Disciples are followers. Children follow and imitate us; we're making disciples after our own pattern of living. Philippians 4:9
 - b. If we want them to have our characteristics, have them around. Mark 3:14a
3. Pray for wisdom. James 1:5
4. Mom and Dad *TOGETHER* in discipline. Psalm 133:1
5. Encourage and support one another regarding the children. Deuteronomy 3:28a
6. Don't be touchy or over-protective regarding the children. Proverbs 28:25a
7. Prayer-keep the children committed. I Samuel 1:27, 28
8. Watch parental pride. It is easy to require too much when we want to make an impression. Philippians 2:3, 4

Principles for Encouragement

1. Be tolerant and understanding. Proverbs 31:26
2. Be a good listener. Give your undivided attention. James 1:19
3. Take time for them. Your presence means everything.
4. Plan family activities. Ecclesiastes 3:1
5. Consider them in family decisions.
6. Be interested in their interests. John 21:3-6
7. Be vocal in expressions of love. Let them know you love them and look for ways to show love. I John 3:18



Principles for Discipline or Training

1. Discipline only in the principles. (i.e. disobedience, dishonesty, disrespect, untruthfulness, etc.) Proverbs 29:17
2. Discipline *FIRMLY* but *NOT* in temper. Colossians 3:21
3. Set realistic standards and requirements. Amos 7:7
 - a. Not too high. Don't expect too much; it results in trouble. Superimposed spirituality now means carnality later. Matthew 15:8
 - b. Plan to keep them. Proverbs 13:19
 - c. Let children know what is expected. Be sure it is clear. Proverbs 22:6
 - d. Be consistent. James 1:6
 - e. Avoid "if you do that again" syndrome.
 - f. Don't expose them to public ridicule.
 - g. Don't indulge them.
 - h. Be willing to apologize when needed.
 - i. Don't nag.
4. Get children to help. I Samuel 16:11
5. The greatest thing parents can do for their children is to love one another.

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