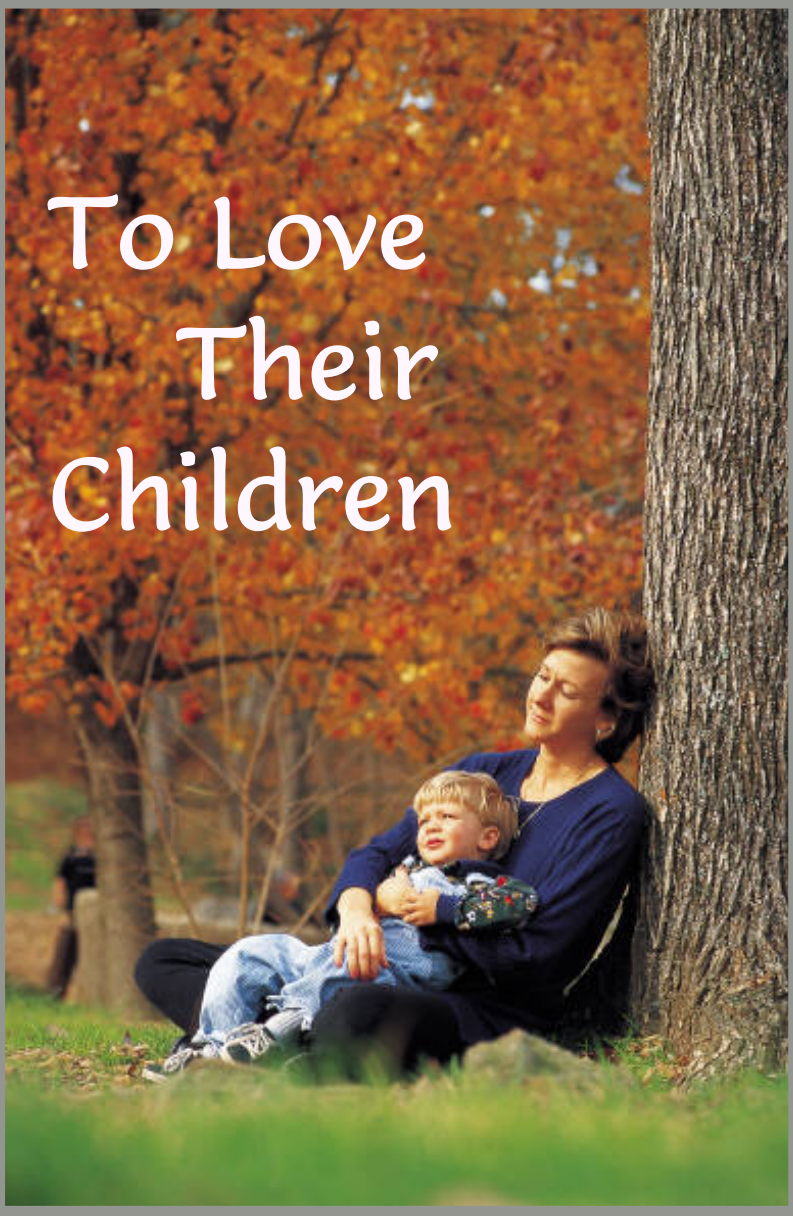


To Love Their Children



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1. Spiritual State of Parent

Exodus 20:5

*“You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, **visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations** of those who hate Me.”*

Deuteronomy 5:9 Same

Exodus 34:6-7

*Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, **visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.**”*

Numbers 14:18

*The LORD is slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He will by no means clear the guilty, **visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generations.***

Deuteronomy 5:29

*Oh that they had such a heart in them, that they would fear Me and keep all My commandments always, **that it may be well with them and with their sons forever!***

Deuteronomy 12:25

*“You shall not eat it, so **that it may be well with you and your sons after you**, for you will be doing what is right in the sight of the LORD.”*

Deuteronomy 12:28

*“Be careful to listen to all these words which I command you, **so that it may be well with you and your sons after you forever**, for you will be doing what is good and right in the sight of the LORD your God.”*



2 Timothy 3:17

*so that the man of God may be adequate,
equipped for every good work.*

11. Teaching Your Children

Genesis 18:19

“For I have chosen him, so that he may **command his children** and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken about him.”

Deuteronomy 4:9-10

“Only give heed to yourself and keep your soul diligently, so that you do not forget the things which your eyes have seen and they do not depart from your heart all the days of your life; but **make them known to your sons** and your grandsons. ¹⁰“Remember the day you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when the LORD said to me, ‘Assemble the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words so they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and **that they may teach their children.**’”

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

“These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall **teach them diligently to your sons** and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.”

Deuteronomy 11:19 Same

Deuteronomy 32:46

He said to them, “Take to your heart all the words with which I am warning you today, which **you shall command your sons to observe carefully**, even all the words of this law.”

Psalm 78:5-8

*For He established a testimony in Jacob
And appointed a law in Israel,
Which He commanded our fathers*

***That they should teach them to their children,**
That the generation to come might know, even the
children yet to be born,
That they may arise and **tell them to their children,**
That they should put their confidence in God
And not forget the works of God,
But keep His commandments.*



2 Timothy 3:15

*... and that from childhood you have
known the sacred writings...*

III. Salvation



2 Timothy 3:15

... and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 19:14

But Jesus said, "Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Luke 18:16 Same

IV. Character

Proverbs 20:11

*It is by his deeds that a lad distinguishes himself
If his **conduct is pure and right.***

Proverbs 10:1

*The proverbs of Solomon.
A **wise** son makes a father glad,
But a foolish son is a grief to his mother.*

Proverbs 15:20

*A **wise** son makes a father glad,
But a foolish man despises his mother.*

Proverbs 23:24-25

*The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice,
And he who sires a **wise** son will be glad in him.
Let your father and your mother be glad,
And let her rejoice who gave birth to you.*

Proverbs 29:3

*A man who **loves wisdom** makes his father glad, but
he who keeps company with harlots wastes his wealth.*

Ecclesiastes 4:13

*A poor yet **wise** lad is better than an old and foolish
king who no longer knows how to receive instruction.*



2 Timothy 3:15

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V. Behavior

Obedience

Ephesians 6:1

Children, **obey** your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

Colossians 3:20

Children, be **obedient** to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord.

1 Timothy 3:4

He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children **under control** with all dignity.

Titus 1:6

If any man is above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, **not accused of dissipation or rebellion.**

Honoring

Ephesians 6:2-3

Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise). So that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.



2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable... for training in righteousness;

VI. Correction

Proverbs 29:17

Correct your son, and he will give you comfort;
He will also delight your soul.

Proverbs 3:12

For whom the LORD loves He **reproves**,
Even as a father **corrects** the son in whom he
delights.

Deuteronomy 8:5

Thus you are to know in your heart that the LORD your
God was disciplining you just as a man **disciplines**
his son.

Hebrews 12:11

All **discipline** for the moment seems not to be joyful,
but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by
it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of
righteousness.



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VII. Tools of Correction

Proverbs 22:15

*Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child;
The **rod of discipline** will remove it far from him.*

Proverbs 23:13-14

*Do not hold back **discipline** from the child,
Although you strike him with **the rod**, he will not die.
You shall strike him with the rod
And rescue his soul from Sheol.*

Proverbs 13:24

*He who withholds **his rod** hates his son,
But he who loves him **disciplines** him diligently.*

Proverbs 19:18

***Discipline** your son while there is hope,
And do not desire his death.*

Proverbs 29:15

*The **rod** and **reproof** give wisdom,
But a child who gets his own way brings shame to
his mother.*

2 Timothy 3:16

*All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for
teaching, for **reproof**, for correction, for training in
righteousness;*

Ephesians 6:4

*... bring them up in the **discipline** and **instruction
of the Lord**.*



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VIII. Provoke Not

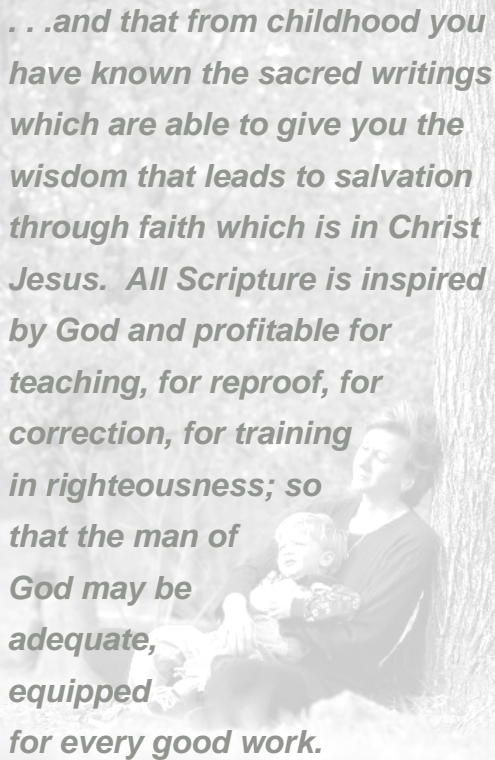
Ephesians 6:4

*Fathers, **do not provoke** your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.*

Colossians 3:21

*Fathers, **do not exasperate** your children, so that they will not lose heart.*

Summary



...and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:15-17

Proverbs 31:28

Her children rise up and bless her.

Resources for further reading:

Woman After God's Own Heart by Elizabeth George

Feminine Appeal by Carolyn Mahaney

Shaping of a Christian Home by Elizabeth Elliot

The Home at Greylock by Elizabeth Prentiss

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