



Loving
Our
Children
Requires
HEART
Surgery

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*Keep your **HEART** with all diligence;
for out of it spring the issues of life.
~ Proverbs 4:23 (NKJV)*



*Foolishness is bound up in the **HEART** of a child.
Pro 22:15a*

Characteristics of a Fool

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| pride | being wise in his own eyes |
| no understanding | hating knowledge |
| deceitfulness | stubbornness |
| mischievousness | mocking sin |
| lack of control | quick tempered |
| speaking foolishness | |

*The foolishness of man ruins his way, and his **HEART**
rages against the LORD. Pro 19:3
The fool has said in his **HEART**, "There is no God."
Psa 14:1*

Our job as a Mom is
to unbind the **HEARTS**
of our children from
foolishness and
bind them to
the **HEART** of
the Lord Jesus Christ.
~to Make **HEART** Disciples
for Jesus Christ



Establish a Biblical Relationship

Give me your **HEART**, my son, and let your eyes delight in my ways. Pro 23:26

1. You Must Love Your Child

Older women likewise are to be . . . teaching what is good, so that they may encourage the young women . . . to love their children. Tit 2:3-4

~1 Corinthians 13

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| Patient | Does not take into account a wrong suffered |
| Kind | Does not rejoice in unrighteousness |
| Not jealous | Rejoices in the truth |
| Does not brag | Bears all things |
| Not arrogant | Believes all things |
| Does not act unbecomingly | Hopes all things |
| Does not seek its own | Endures all things |
| Not provoked | Never fails |

~Sacrifice

We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

1 Jn 3:16

~Instruction

. . . bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Eph. 6:4b

~Discipline

FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES. Heb 12:6

2. Your Child Must Honor You

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. Eph 6:2-3

~What is the difference between Honor and Obey?

-Obey: to hear under (as a subordinate)

-**Children obey us as long as they are “subject to” or “living under” us.**

-Honor: to esteem (especially of the highest degree); to make weighty

-**Children honor us as long as they live!**

-To Obey is to hear your words and do it.

-To Honor is to highly esteem your words and live it.

The better we firmly establish “obey” and “honor” from the beginning the more likely the HEART surgery will be successful.



How to Perform the Surgery: From a HEART of Foolishness to a HEART toward God

1. “Honor your Father and Mother”

~Train them to Honor you.

-Giving their **HEART** to you is on the way to giving their **HEART** to God.

~You are the God ordained HEART surgeon.

-it is not humility to refuse “due” respect, rather it requires humility to accept what you recognize is undeserved “due” respect.

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

Pro 29:15

2. What does Honor look like?—HEART Obedience

-To honor parents is to give weight to, to place great value on, i.e., to hear and heed their counsel just like it honors God Himself when we hear and heed His counsel.

~Teach to obey your voice like God wants us to obey His voice—from the HEART

*In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed **My voice.***

Gen 22:18

*Bless the LORD, you His angels, mighty in strength, who perform His word, **obeying the voice of His word!** Psa 103:20*

The Proverbs Parent

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| <i>do not forsake Hear treasure receive do not forget give attention Do not abandon</i> | <i>Do not forget nor turn away accept observe treasure let your eyes delight Incline your ear</i> |
| <i>your father's instruction the commandment of your father your mother's teaching my words my commandments my teaching</i> | <i>my instruction the words of my mouth my sayings my wisdom my understanding</i> |

*let your **heart** keep
Let your **heart** hold fast
Keep them in the midst of your **heart**
Bind them continually on your **heart**
Write them on the tablet of your **heart***

~How do children dishonor us?—the Foolish HEART

-To dishonor parents is to NOT give weight to,
 NOT to place great value on, i.e., to NOT hear
 and heed their counsel just like it dishonors
 God Himself when we do NOT hear and heed
 to His counsel.

~Teach them to be Grateful to you—HEART Gratitude

*He who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me;
 And to him who orders his way aright I shall show the
 salvation of God. Psa 50:23*

Love Your Children the Bible Way!
(See Parenting According to the Bible)

LOVE YOUR CHILDREN!



Love them
with Biblical,
1 Corinthians 13,
Christ-like,
Self-sacrificing,
LOVE!
LOVE
never
fails!

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