



Parenting with Purpose

God's Word on children and parenting

Genesis 1:26-28

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷ So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it

Psalm 127:3-4

³ Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb a reward.

⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the children of one's youth.

Matthew 19:13-14

¹³ Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, ¹⁴ but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

Old Testament Parenting Instructions

Deuteronomy 6

⁴ “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, 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. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Proverbs 13:24

Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.

Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 23:13-14

¹³⁻¹⁴ Don't fail to correct your children; discipline won't hurt them! They won't die if you spank them! Punishment will keep them out of hell. (Living Bible)

Proverbs 29:15

The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.

New Testament Parenting Instructions

Ephesians 6:4

⁴ Fathers, don't stir up anger in your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Colossians 3:21

²¹ Fathers, do not provoke *or irritate or exasperate* your children [with demands that are trivial or unreasonable or humiliating or abusive; nor by favoritism or indifference; treat them tenderly with lovingkindness], so they will not lose heart *and* become discouraged *or unmotivated* [with their spirits broken]. (Amplified Version)

1 Thessalonians 2:7-12

Or we were like a mother feeding and caring for her own children. ⁸ We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God's Good News but our own lives, too... ¹¹ And you know that we treated each of you as a father treats his own children. ¹² We pleaded with you, encouraged you, and urged you to live your lives in a way that God would consider worthy. For he called you to share in his Kingdom and glory.

1. Parent with the end in mind
2. Dads and Moms should parent as a team
3. Provide structure, boundaries and discipline
4. Be a life-long teacher and coach
5. Cover everything with affection and love
6. Ask for and receive God's help

