
*God's Plan for the Family
Parents (Mom's)*

*Ephesians 6:4; Deuteronomy 6:4-7
(various Proverbs)*

"...but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4b

Children need their parents to:

1. Reach their hearts through nurture: "but bring them up

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

2. Redirect their wills through discipline: "but bring them up in the discipline

"Those who disregard discipline despise themselves, but the one who heeds correction gains understanding" Proverbs 15:32

"Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him" Proverbs 13:24

3. Refresh their minds through biblical instruction: "but bring them up in the... instruction of the Lord

"Then He went down to Nazareth with them, and was obedient to them... And he grew in wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and men." Luke 2:51-52

God Disciplines His Children from Love

"And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by Him. For the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and chastises every son whom He receives. It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons, for what son is not disciplined by his father... For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it" Hebrews 12:5-7, 11

Remember - A Heart for God and His Ways are More Caught than Taught by Children

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 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." Deuteronomy 6:4-7