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Bible Study

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“Raising Godly Children”
Ephesians 6:4

“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.” (NLT)

I. Dynamics for Raising Godly Children

Listed below are elements that can help parents bring their children up in the way of the Lord.

1. Children can be raised in the way of the Lord through _____ from their parents.

Deuteronomy 11:18-19

“So commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these words of mine. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. 19) Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.” (NLT)

2. Children can be raised in the way of the Lord through _____ of their parents.

Judges 13:8

“Then Manoah prayed to the LORD, saying, “Lord, please let the man of God come back to us again and give us more instructions about this son who is to be born.” (NLT)

3. Children can be raised in the way of the Lord through _____ for their parents.

Judges 13:11-14

“Manoah ran back with his wife and asked, “Are you the man who spoke to my wife the other day?” “Yes,” he replied, “I am.” 12) So Manoah asked him, “When your words come true, what kind of rules should govern the boy’s life and work?” 13) The angel of the Lord replied, “Be sure your wife follows the instructions I gave her. 14) She must not eat grapes or raisins, drink wine or any other alcoholic drink, or eat any forbidden food.” (NLT)

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4. Children can be raised in the way of the Lord through _____ with their parents.

Judges 14:1-2

“One day when Samson was in Timnah, one of the Philistine women caught his eye. 2) When he returned home, he told his father and mother, “A young Philistine woman in Timnah caught my eye. I want to marry her. Get her for me.” (NLT)

5. Children can be raised in the way of the Lord through _____ by their parents.

Judges 14:3-4

“His father and mother objected. “Isn’t there even one woman in our tribe or among all the Israelites you could marry?” they asked. “Why must you go to the pagan Philistines to find a wife?” But Samson told his father, “Get her for me! She looks good to me.” 4) His father and mother didn’t realize the Lord was at work in this, creating an opportunity to work against the Philistines, who ruled over Israel at that time.” (NLT)

II. Basics for Raising Godly Children

Listed below are essentials that can help parents to raise children in the way of the Lord.

1. Parents should provide _____ to raise children in the way of the Lord.

Proverbs 13:24

“Those who spare the rod of discipline hate their children. Those who love their children care enough to discipline them.” (NLT)

2. Parents should provide _____ to raise children in the way of the Lord.

Proverbs 22:6

“Train children to live the right way, and when they are old, they will not stray from it.” (NCV)

3. Parents should provide _____ to raise children in the way of the Lord.

Matthew 2:13-14

“When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”14) So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt.” (NIV)

4. Parents should provide _____ to raise children in the way of the Lord.

Matthew 7:9-11

“You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? 10) Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! 11) So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.” (NLT)

5. Parents should provide _____ to raise children in the way of the Lord.

Mark 5:22-23

“Then a leader of the local synagogue, whose name was Jairus, arrived. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet, 23) pleading fervently with him. “My little daughter is dying,” he said. “Please come and lay your hands on her; heal her so she can live.” (NLT)

III. Characteristics of Raising Godly Children

Listed below are positive traits parents should possess to raise godly children.

1. An element of being a godly parent is _____ over your children.

2 Samuel 21:8-10

“The king did take Armoni and Mephibosheth, sons of Rizpah and Saul. (Rizpah was the daughter of Aiah.) And the king took the five sons of Saul’s daughter Merab. (Adriel son of Barzillai the Meholathite was the father of Merab’s five sons.) 9) David gave these seven sons to the Gibeonites. Then the Gibeonites killed them and hung them on stakes on a hill in the presence of the Lord. All seven sons died together. They were put to death during the first days of the harvest season at the beginning of barley harvest. 10) Aiah’s daughter Rizpah took the rough cloth that was worn to show sadness and put it on a rock for herself. She stayed there from the beginning of the harvest until the rain fell on her sons’ bodies. During the day she did not let the birds of the sky touch her sons’ bodies, and during the night she did not let the wild animals touch them.” (NCV)

2. An element of being a godly parent is _____ regarding your children.

2 Kings 4:5-7

“So she left Elisha and shut the door behind her and her sons. As they brought the jars to her, she poured out the oil. 6) When the jars were all full, she said to her son, “Bring me another jar.” But he said, “There are no more jars.” Then the oil stopped flowing. 7) She went and told Elisha. And the prophet said to her, “Go, sell the oil and pay what you owe. You and your sons can live on what is left.” (NCV)

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