

Train Your Children
Growing a Godly Family – Part 2
Life Church St. Louis – June 25, 2017
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Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV) And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Deuteronomy 32:46 (ESV) “Take to heart all the words by which I am warning you today, that you may command them to your children, that they may be careful to do all the words of this law.”

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

1. Train your children with _____

Hebrews 4:12 (ESV) For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

A. _____ obey God’s Word

Deuteronomy 11:18 (ESV) “You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.”

B. Teach your children to _____ God’s Word

Deuteronomy 11:19 (ESV) You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

2. Train your children to hear the _____

Acts 2:17 (ESV) “And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;

A. Teach them to _____ their parents

Ephesians 6:1 (ESV) Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

B. Teach them to _____ their parents

Ephesians 6:2-3 (ESV) “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”

3. Train your children to be _____ members

Romans 12:5 (ESV) so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

A. Train them to _____ other believers

1 John 4:21 (ESV) And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

B. Train them to _____ other believers

Galatians 5:13 (ESV) For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
 - Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

- How will I obey God’s Word this week? _____

Train Your Children Study Guide

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Intro. What are the characteristics of a godly family?

How does the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20 apply to training children?

Why must the training of children be done both by example and instruction?

What is a parent's responsibility according to Deuteronomy 32:46?

What is God's promise to parents who train their children in godliness (Proverbs 22:6)?

- 1A. Why is the Bible, God's Word, the primary textbook in training children (Hebrews 4:12)?
- 1B. Why does Deuteronomy 11:18 command parents to put God's Word in their hearts and actions before teaching their children?
- 1C. Explain the teaching method God commands parents to use with their children (Deuteronomy 11:19).

1D. How can a parent reach their primary goal of each child's salvation?

2A. What does Acts 2:17 tell us about God's plan for His Spirit and children?

2B. How can a parent teach their children to obey (Ephesians 6:1)?

2C. What does it mean to teach a child to honor their parents (Ephesians 6:2)? What is the promise in this verse?

2D. In what ways can you teach a child to develop godly spiritual habits?

3A. Why is it important to teach children the importance of church membership (Romans 12:5)?

3B. Why must every believer demonstrate love to brothers and sisters in their church family (1 John 4:21)?

3C. What are ways that a parent can teach their children to serve in the church family (Galatians 5:13)?

3D. How should a parent respond if a child does not want to obey God's Word (Proverbs 22:15)?

3E. How can the principles in this message be applied to helping spiritual children?