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How To Raise Godly Children
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The first would be discipline. When the Bible talks discipline. If you love your child without discipline Proverbs 10:1. This is a wonderful verse that I would rear our children. "...A wise son makes the glad of his mother." Sorry to say, I've seen that verse pastored this church. But, I'm glad to say that a wise son makes a happy family. Nothing will make you happier than that. I would rather have the largest, most prosperous church in the world. There are children for God. But you'll never have more of a bad to lose your job. You think it's bad to lose your children. If you lose your children, you just

about raising children, it talks about me, you'll produce a rat. Look at I'd always think about while we were father: but a foolish son is the heaviest proven many times in the 28 years I've ises on makes a happy family. Nothing my kid turns out right than have the 's no more joy than raising your broken heart if you don't. You think it's our health. But there's nothing like losing about losing your life.

Have you ever noticed that most people who lose the just about quit Christianity? There's nothing more Proverbs 13:24 we see one of the many, many verses rod that eth his son: but the that loves him chastene says, "For whom the Lord loves he chastens..." He chastens your son, you're retreating him as a bastard. Bible, and the Bible uses that strong term. We've today. They have children, and their children don't father couldn't care less about raising that illegitimate child. He'll do anything not to pay support and not to help in the raising of that child, that's what you're like.

The person who hits his child with his fist or with doesn't discipline his child and then gets frustrated. Not spanking is abuse. Proverbs 19:18 says, "Chaste not thy soul spare for his crying." The Bible is in the James Bible? Then I feel sorry for you. Train up your

children put up a white flag and rewarding or more damning. In on discipline. "He that spares his child in the time of his need, he despises him." The New Testament goes on to say that if you don't swear—I'm quoting the many fathers like that in the world even know who their father is! The child. He'll do anything not to pay God says that if you don't spank your

his hand in the face is the parent who ed and hits him. Spanking is not abuse. Not thy son while there is hope, and let me. You can't understand the King's child and spank him when he's

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Don't tell me you love him if you don't spank him.

Don't listen to psychologists, notevenso-called Christians, these educators, and by the way, don't go into a Christian stupid bookson how to raise your children. Look at The problem is that ever since this law was passed, Even in our churches where we say we believe, wear all as firm, as even a weaker Christian was 25 year Catholics 25 years ago. God said to spank. If we're traveling by wagon train across America in Indian country watching for Indians? Of course! We'd say, "Man, I want my kids to have an arrow through them." We'd look and we'd look for moving bushes. "There are Indians Satan is out there seeking whom he may devour. I was You should never strike your child in anger. Don't time. Make rules, and go by them. Let them know what consistently.

Raise up a child in the way he should go with discipline according to Matthew 18:19 and 20. "Again I say unto you, earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it which is in heaven." What couple could read that an my wife and I, or my husband and I, just agree and prayers." I don't know how a mother and father could go to pray for our children." "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." That means table with your children for family devotions, He's we have devotions." If for no other reason, He's three are gathered together in my name, when you gather around the kitchen there. Peoples say, "I don't know why here. You're restarting the day of fight. Now, Pastor Voegelin, you're a Bible within. I have never once in my life ready you read the Bible. If the kids' Bible story book. But real bleed and explain it. Now, to me there's our kids are young.

I've heard parents say, "Pastor Voegelin said this. practice that, you're going to lose your children home, to open the Bible and read it and explain it because it's right there." If you show a Christian says in His Word, you've got a real good chance that exciting? Go to Ephesians where it talks about this." If you want to, you could just take notes during the Monday to apply its spiritually to your family do what we do." Then you have prayer requests. It's you pray for a missionary everyday. Then you look pray for those everyday. One day when Becky was a

Christian psychologist. Don't listen to Christian bookstores and buy one of those their children; you don't want that. people have gotten softer and softer. even'tat all as consistent, we aren't sago—I venture to say even most a hundred years ago and were country, do you think we'd be don't want my kids to die. I don't look behind rocks and behind trees, out there who want to kill us!" not to stress again, don't blow up. blow up, and then let it go then next to expect, and then follow them

pline, and then, with family devotions. That if two of you shall agree on shall be done for them of my Father don't think, "Hey, that says two. If we pray, God will answer our dread this and not think, "We're three are gathered together in my when you gather around the kitchen there. Peoples say, "I don't know why here. You're restarting the day of fight. Now, Pastor Voegelin, you're a Bible within. I have never once in my life ready you read the Bible. If the kids' Bible story book. But real bleed and explain it. Now, to me there's our kids are young.

.. or "That's a school rule." If you Your job, father, is to be priest of the You say, "Kids, we believe this child that what we're redoing is what God child is going to turn out right. Isn't the family. "This is why we believe ring a sermon, take verses down and use it. Explain that "this is the reason we simple. You get the prayer sheet and at the needs of the church, and you young girl I said, "Do you think

you'd ever want to be a preacher's wife?" And she pray for the offering every day for the rest of my family, and they get to see God answer prayer in the anything more wonderful than sitting down with your Ahundred years ago there was one divorce in 36. As every two today. A Harvard professor made a study of He followed them through the years and only one out of the family that prays together stays together."

Josephus, the unsaved Jewish historian, wrote that the Bible, at the time they would study theological writings, Deuteronomy. Today, between the ages of 4 and 14 hours of television. The average television is on 7 times, I got rid of four television over a quarter of time, a complete waste of time. We few preachers who thought of a weird by other independent Baptists. Preachers can't preach against trash. They think we

Look over in Deuteronomy chapter 6, this tells you these words, which I command thee this day, shall be them diligently unto thy children, and shall talk and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou lie And thou shall bind them for a sign upon thine hand between thine eyes. And thou shall write them upon gates." Not only are we to have family devotions, but principles of God's Word throughout the day. We eat when we walk. We ought to be looking for opportunities.

Don't just say you planto; there's nothing more immature, than your children. Your mate is more important than your children are not going to work out. Your mate, walk, or in our day, when you drive, take the child you go to the grocery store. Take them with you if you can bring them right up into the room. When you go to bed in the evening. The passage says in them doest this mean? You just put the principles of God them all the time. You should be looking for opportunities in the church or there is success in the church, whatever opportunities to say, "This is what happens when you when you do right." Look for it and teach them. In some of the best times I had with my kids were when teenagers get to a certain age, it's typical now a won't talk to me." If your teenager won't talk to you when he was young. You cut it off. Every child wants don't have anything to say to them." Then you're no I'm talking about six or seven years of age. Tal

aid, "No, because I don't want to life!" You pray for the needs of the in your own lives. Can you think of small children and teaching them? you know, there's one divorce in 1,005 families who had devotions. of the 1,005 got a divorce. "The

in his day at five years old they readings, and by 15 they had memorized average child has watched 20,000 hours a day. As I've said so many facets of a century ago because it was a waste of time to preach against television are there's something wrong when it's weird.

the way it ought to be. Verse 6, "And in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them when thou sittest in thine house, stand down, and when thou risest up, and they shall be as frontlets the posts of thine house, and on them there's a great need to teach the children during devotions and when

portant in your life, except for your mate because if that doesn't work out, then your children. And so when you are with you. Take them with you if you go on hospital visitation. Today sit or rest, talk to them before you are in the morning also when you get up. What to work everywhere. Be teaching unities, whether there are problems in veritis, you're looking for it wrong. This is what happens upon line, precept upon precept. I was just talking to them. When a parent says to the parent to say, "My teenager won't talk to him because you didn't talk to him to talk to his parents! You say, "I right with God. Talk to them! And to them about the type of person to

marry. You see the teenagers biting at the bit an wanting to hang with the wrong person. They've got talk to them when they were young. Then all of us them and you're afraid of what they're going to do. them, and you say, "Boy, I can't wait until you get you want."

I would joke sometimes with my kids. I'd tell Debbie a 'mean' guy, right Debbie?" She needed a "mean" guy! Just talk to your children. My children didn't in college. When I say "date," realize I don't mean godly courtship. You teach them to work hard but no have the right kind of friends, and how to be nice. They're like clay and we're reforming them by spankin talking to them.

I read about General Robert E. Lee walking through something behind him. It was his small son jumping his footsteps. He turned around and hugged him and my boy to hell." What a responsibility we have. Remember the tears streaming down her cheeks. Her lip anything. The old backslidden priest thought she was a boy to give to God. Oh, how we ought to pray and give who goes into full-time service is no better than a full-time service; I'm saying give our children to God 22:6.

Again, the problem with our kids is that they hear they see their parents act a certain way in church hear and see something else when the door is closed parents to have a religion in front of people and the parents say with their lives, "I am rich and increase nothing." We know how vaccinations work generally against the measles, for instance, you have a weak you. The child's defense mechanisms attack the before preventing the child from contracting the disease. thing to prevent them from getting the real thing.

That's what is happening in fundamentalism all over bus kids can grow up in this church and make it and can't? It's because the bus kids don't have wrong anything saying, "what is preached is not real." All youth pastor and the teachers and they say, "I love who have parents vaccinating them at home. They don't parents complaining. There's nothing worse you can never saw me do over the things of God. If you sit

dwaning to date the wrong person, the wrong plans because you didn't deny you put handcuffs and bar on And they balk. But if you talk to married. And this is the type of guy

e, "You want a strong guy. You want y because she's too nice. She got want to date until they were freshmen a worldly date. I'm talking about to love money. You teach them to the weak people but not follow them. them, and then teaching them and

the snow one day when he heard from step to step, trying to walk in prayed, "God, help me never to lead Ember Hannah praying for a son? swer removing but you couldn't hear s drunk, but she was praying for a our children to God. Someone one new who doesn't. I don't mean od. Seek, ask, knock. Claim Proverbs

one thing preached in the pulpit, and and around other Christians, and they at home. They've learned from their avenothing real at home. They see their sed with goods and have need of. If you want to be vaccinated need for the measles injected into ign entities and form antibodies, We take the weakened form of the real

America. Do you ever wonder why some kids from regular attenders Christian examples. They don't have they do is listen to the preacher and this." But there are some church kids have a chance. They hear their do. My kids saw me mad, but they around and you complain about your

state in the ministry or your state in serving God, gone! Are you listening? Don't vaccinate your child to teach them the Bible, true Bible principles at hand by your life.

Next, you raise up a child in the way he should go missing today. Ecclesiastes 9:10 says, "Whatsoever might..." Proverbs 6:6-9 says, "Go to the ant, thou wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Pr gathereth her food in the harvest. How long will there are two great principles taught in the Bible and one is work. You're not going to succeed without faith, you'll work. You're not a Bible-practicing C lazy generation. I've had Christians think there is "They're reworking me too hard." We're reliving in age to keep from work. If you teach your children that, they could be.

Some years back, we started seeing many children of the devil. There was a reaction, and it was the wrong to protect my children. I'm going to put my arms around them. I'm going to baby my children." You'll God says, "Six days shall thou work." God says we're our brow. We should teach our children to enjoy work wrong with my teenagers on. He's so lazy." Look in Spurgeon wrote an article that I thought was tremen your son, first of all, never let him know hardship your arms." When my children were young, especially small, the teenage girls just wanted to carry him. "Nobody picks up my son. Nobody." You say, "What is problem. What do you do when they fall down? Say, "Now, you first of all see if there's blood running. corner of your eye. But in most cases, their feeling fall down, say, "Hey, you're okay. Get up and just mean." No, to do anything else is mean.

We have a college, and I believe we have many of them any problem with our students is that they have church. Some think being a good Christian is baby in you who hear a baby scream and say, "Ah, it's mine!" before awhile. I can remember a certain mother who a boy she carried around. When she would carry him hers, and his feet were down to her knees. She picked him up when he would become a sissy, and he was the greatest worthless for God today. I'm not saying never pick certain age and he can walk around, don't carry him

you're going to lose them! They're renegades against Christianity. You've got some by family devotions, by talking,

by teaching him how to work. That's thy hand finds the do, do it with thy sluggard; consider her ways, and be ovideth her meat in the summer, and ousleep, O sluggard?..." Understand if you're going to succeed: one is faith to both. I believe that if you have Christianify you don't work. We live in a world be a union steward in the church! generation that does everything it can you're going to destroy much of what

famous preachers going to the ne. That reaction was, "I'm going to dmy children, and nobody's going to destroy them just as much that way. es supposed to work by the sweat of k. You say, "I don't know what's hem mirror. You made him that way. dous. He said, "If you want to ruin . When he's a little child, carry him in Jeff, because the church was so ill the time. I had to lay down the law: he falls down?" That's another Shut up. Quit crying, and get up." See if there's a broken arm out of the gs are hurt. Don't baby them! If they keep on walking." You say, "That's

the best kids of America. But if there's been babied by their parents and home g people. There are some others of "Your run to pick him up. Lethim nour church was really young who had around, his head was level with ed that kid up and carried him around! test one never produced. He's up a child. But once he gets to a every place; don't be holding him all

thetime.

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lazy? No. Can you be a good Christian school teacher? lazy? No! Again, I'll say the number one problem we not greats in. It isn't the academics. It's laziness. Bob Jones, Sr., used to say, "I'd rather see somebody with character." At least you can make something out of it. But, no, they sleep in and can't even wake up to give excuses.

Christians have the idea that if they say, "Yes, sir," everything's okay. They've been taught to have a ph succeed in this world except we know how to sweat, don't teach them to work. All over America, especially in large cities, there are worthless people with nice haircuts who dress and look at them and say, "Man, they've got potential." We're never trained. Listen to this quote from Teddy

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who stumbles, or who is the doer of deeds could have done belong to the man who is actually in the arena, who sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, and again; because there is not effort without error and actually strives to do the deeds; who knows the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause, who at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place in the world is not that of a man who knows neither victory nor defeat.

Fourthly, we raise up children the Bible way by loving them. Most people know that Billy Sunday's children heard people say that proves God's promises about his children's failure proves that Billy Sunday did the Bible. He died of shock when a newspaper ran a front-page story about one of his kids who was thrown Moody's son was sent to the devil. He put him in a Massachusetts. The boy gave it to the devil. Over a whose kids go bad, and the devil whispers in our ears can't." Don't lift me above God's Word. God's Word it's because he puts his desires, his ambitions, in

I love the illustration of John R. Rice. Some "big think they're big shots" came on a Friday afternoon. Rice said, "No, I've got to leave. I have an important appointment to see you. You've got to see me." Dr. Rice said, "I can't break." They both left and this guy happened him playing with his kids in his yard. Then next time I lie. You said you had such an important appointment. Dr. Rice said, "No, I'm not a liar. My appointment

is Sunday School teacher and be havin' with our college students. It's softness. It's lack of character. dy with bad character than no somebody who has bad character. to class. They're always making

r" and "No, ma'am" and they smile, ony front. God says we'll not and we sin against our children if we'll in large churches, there are alk like fundamentalists. You may They've got nothing because they Roosevelt:

It is not the strongman who is better. The credit of his face is marred by dust and nd comes short again and d shortcoming; but who does t enthusiasm, the great at the worst, if he fails, at shall never be with those cold and

ing the man spending time with all went to the devil. Lately I've raining up a child are 't valid. No, n't raise up his children according to merunning up and showed him a wnnin' jail because of wicked sin. D.L. arge of his second school in nd over again we hear of preachers rs, "If he can't raise his kids, then I says you can. If his kids went bad, front of his family.

shot" (and I hate pushy people who and said, "I've got to see you." Dr. ant appointment." The man said, "I id, "No, this is an appointment that I to drive by Dr. Rice's home and saw he saw Dr. Rice he said, "You're real that you couldn't meet with me." with my kids is the most important

appointment I have of the week.” I practiced that a

You can’t just say your children are important, you Every time I see a boy or girl go bad or a marriage kid really go bad and I’ve had a chance to talk to have devotions with you on a regular basis?” Every “Did you have family times together?” Every single listening to me, Dad? You’ve got to show your kids to you, Dad. If there’s a man in the home, it’s supposed to be hard, not to notify you love your children.

I don’t like using myself as an example, but I love used to thrill me to set up family activities. “We’re school here and go to the zoo.” You NEVER have to sometimes you may conflict with the school. If you not saying just come in late all the time. Especially family times. You pop popcorn. Now, listen, you you doesn’t come in a bag, and you have to get one of that machine either. A shaker! We happened to have a fashioned.

That’s all you have to do to have fun with small kids and it’s so much fun.

There’s something else you can do. Have pizza. You from Pizza Hut. Make it. You see, that’s what makes not a good as Pizza Hut.” Well, it helps your diet sundaes. You get the ice cream. It depends on how many have vanilla and chocolate and strawberry, whether can, or whatever. It makes a mess because they make. I don’t know what it is, but there’s something specific with the kids and doing simple things. Like a picnic money.” If you have to spend money on it, it’s probably “We have our family night. We watch videos.” Oh, we spend the money you would have on a meal. Get Aldi’s don’t have to have money. You have to have heart. You go on that picnic and you play “Kick the Can.” You with. Or, you hike and get lost. I always get lost, the money back. Do you understand the point? I’m a time when you all pile into the car. You don’t have suggest that you always don’t have to go to relatives. You can camp.

Raise up a child in the way he should go, and I believe it takes discipline, it takes teaching the Word of God (Christianity), teaching them how to work, and showing

also.

must show them they’re important. Go bad, every time we’ve ever had a him, I ask the child, “Did your dad sing a song the answer was, “No.” The time they said, “No.” Are you you care. It’s not up to mom, it’s supposed to him. You say, “That’s hard.” No, it’s

planning things for our family. It’ll do this, we’ll do that, we’ll cut out of conflict with the church, but do, the school comes in second. I’m likely when they’re young, it’s easy to plan for couples. They have popcorn that has shakers. I’m not talking about a place, so it made it even more old

ds. They love it. They giggle and they

say, “We do that.” No, no, no, not fun. You make it. You say, “It’s . The thing I liked the most was making such money you have, whether you you can get some whipped cream in it. But, boy, do they have fun. I also about mom and dad taking time off. Parents always say, “I don’t have any time for the best activity. People say, me on. Go on a picnic, and just shot dogs and day-old bread! You have to love a new outfit. You buy these gadgets to make more and my girls would cry and I’d carry a king? I believe in a vacation—a to go anywhere fancy, but I would es’ houses either. You can get a tent.

ieven though he’ll not depart from it. It (you teaching the Word of God and them you love them. Remember I

said that love without discipline makes a brat? Let discipline without love make a rebel. Kids look for communicate well." I'm not the best at it either but This is why I love you. I'm praying for you." They

I have to confess that I'm a very private person and I had toward my wife in front of my children. But when they were around, even when they were teenagers hee, hee. Oh, ho, ho. Look at mom and dad." They like pick her up and I would twirl her around. And the hee." You know what I think this said? "All's well home. Kids look for affection. They look to see if

You can raise children upright. I stress, don't tra God will take care of that. As your pastor, I don't better than those who are not. We pay more attention to the mission field and we have to train them. But I" I don't think any more off full-time workers than an love God and to live for God. When you get to be my break your life. To the proportion that you raise it amount of joy from the time they leave your home.

People say they love babies but not the "terrible twos" speakers say, "When they get to be teenagers, y Preacher seven preach on that in the sense that it" should get better. You see, when a child is a little But as he gets to be one year old, you can begin to sure, he ought to be well under control. It shouldn't fault.

When they get to be teenagers it should be joyful for God. Then when they get married and they pick children and you see them raising their children be the way it ought to be), it gets more wonderful all except for one thing—I'd like to see my grandkids think of anything more wonderful than that? To see living for God. There could not be a greater blessing

met you something else— r love. You might say, "I don't talk least write them notes. "I love you. look for things like that.

I didn't show the affection that I wish when I did, when I kissed my wife s, you know what they did? "Hee, kedit. It said something. I used to id's would go, "Ha, ha, ha. Hee, hee, with mom and dad." All's well in our you care.

is the moment to go into full-timeservice, think those in full-timeservice are any n to them because we send them to tell you from the bottom of my heart, yo the good kid. Train them up to age, it will make your life or it will hem up for God, that will be your

wo's," and the "rotten three's." We've ou want to put them in a cage." stobe expected. That's wrong. It etiny baby, he's going to cry at times. discipline him. At two years old, for 't get worse. If it's worse, it's your

time, an exciting time as they blossom her right mate, and they start having tter than you raised them (and that's the time. I don't want to live long row up and live for God. Can you about 10 or 12 of your grandkids all ng!