Godly Parenting

God wants us to raise Godly children for him. He wants us to raise children that will love him and live for him with everything they have and for the rest of the lives.

If all we succeed in doing is to raise professors, medical doctors, newscasters, sportsmen, engineers etc. then we have failed God as Stewards in Parenting.

We must go beyond just raising children for ordinary living but for extra ordinary living, beyond socialization and social integration but spiritual integration into God’s big family called ElkLesia i.e. the church.

Don’t get me wrong our children must be given the best of education and exposure based on what we afford, and properly guided into maximizing the talents and gifts not for the sake of the parents or greatness as God but to Glorify our God.

Of course some of our children will become medical doctors, pastors, lawyers, footballers, musician, fashion designers ,engineers as this also is God’s and he has given to all humanity to enjoy. The career of our children must be a platform for them to serve their God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The scriptures say in prov.22:6

Pro 22:6  Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

We need to know that the book of proverb is not an exclusive promise to the Christian . they are general observations of life that are typically true. This helps to explain why some parents faithfully raise their child to follow God, yet the child rebels against God as an adult.

[Proverbs 22:6](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Prov%2022.6) teaches that it is generally true that a child raised to love God will continue to do so as a grown-up. This was the observation of life from 3,000 years ago, and it continues to prove itself today. Most Christian parents who raise their kids in a godly manner will leave a legacy of children who love God as adults. Bringing up a child in “the training and instruction of the Lord” dramatically increases the likelihood that the child will hold to Christ in later life.

([Ephesians 6:4](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Eph%206.4)Bbut bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. )

**Jonathan Edwards’ Powerful Example of Leaving a Godly Legacy**

Jonathan Edwards’ godly legacy includes: 1 U.S. Vice-President, 3 U.S. Senators, 3 governors, 3 mayors, 13 college presidents, 30 judges, 65 professors, 80 public office holders, 100 lawyers and 100 missionaries.

Max Jukes’ descendants included: 7 murderers, 60 thieves, 50 women of debauchery, 130 other convicts. 310 paupers (with over 2,300 years lived in poorhouses) 400 who were physically wrecked by indulgent living.

It was estimated that Max Juke’s descendants cost the state more than $1,250,000.

This is a powerful example showing how a parent’s leadership can have a profound effect on their children.

If we train up our children in a Godly way we can be rest assure that 95% of the time the will be Godly.It is 95% because salvation is of the Lords.

Joh\_6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him:

It is God that saves ,He is the one that removes the heart of stone and substitute with a heart of flesh through his spirit.

From prov 22:6 we can deduce that if a child is trained in Godliness,he will not be Godly for a while but he will be Godly for the rest of his days.Listen even if he strays he will come back .

Php 1:6  Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

The mistake we make as parents is that we assume that we are training our children in a Godly way. Assumption they say is the lowest level of Knowledge. It has to be intentional, purposeful and continuous .It is hard work.

**THE MAJOR TOOL FOR THE RAISING A GODLY CHILD**

The major tool for raising Godly children is the Word of God which is the gospel of Christ

Rom 1:16  For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Rom 1:17  For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

The word of God is the essential ingredient for raising a Godly child or children.

Shortly after the Lord brought out the Isrealite from Egypt he gave them the ten commandments through Moses He further said through Moses in Det 6:6-9

Deu 6:6  And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

**Deu 6:7**  And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Deu 6:8  And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

Deu 6:9  And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

Parents were commanded to teach their children the word of God diligently and the should flaunt the word of God before their children.

How?

1. Have scriptures verses hanging on the wall in strategic place -John piper said of his father Don’t waste your life
2. Create a Christian culture in your home -devotions, praying before and after meals.
3. Frequent analysis, discussions ,solutions, motive, around the bible in the home even watching TV together.

God must be put in the face of our children. This three is encapsulated in **teaching the scriptures** and **modelling the scriptures.**

**There are three types of Parents**

* Those who teach and do not model the scriptures- hypocrites
* Those who do not teach and model the scriptures -vague parenting
* Those who model and teach the scriptures-clear and Christ-like parenting

If we don’t teach, remember that you children are being taught everyday if you do not model remember they have access to a variety of global models .One of the greatest weapon of the devil is music.Music is neutral it can be used for good or evil.Many anti God sermons are being through music today.The social media is there .You don’t even have for pornrgraghic site before pop up .They are in the face of children.What will deliver them from onslaught of hell is teaching and modeling for them the Christian faith.

We need to teach and be examples for our children and then trust God in prayers for God to change.

A good example of a godly child in the bible is Timothy

**2Ti 1:5**  When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

Notice that what Apostle saw in Timothy saw in Timothy was **unfeigned faith**,**not religious faith which is fake faith**.Many of our children start with learning the Christian culture but they need to enter into the unfeigned faith which is the work of the holy spirit birthed by the word and prayers.We must know the state of our flock in this case our children.Pray for them, Once again I say pray for them. Pray for their Salvation.

Secondly the whole thing started with Louis the grandmother and passed onto Eunice a single parent and then passed on to Timothy .They were committed to raising a godly children .Eunice didn’t allow the fact that he was a single parent to discourage her.

In 2Ti 3:15 , Paul told Timothy, And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

It is worthy of note that Timothy’s training started from childhood.

Don’t say my is still too young.Imagine if Daniel and the Joseph has known what they knew how will they fared in Egypt and Babaylon respectively

Timothy was so well schooled that Paul had to say in philpian 2:19-22

Php 2:19  But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state.

Php 2:20  For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state.

Php 2:21  For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.

Php 2:22  But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel.

Other practical steps

1. Our Children are the Lords **Psa 127:3**  Lo, children *are* an heritage of the LORD:
2. Never confuse styles and technology with Christian virtues and values.The right value will shape how we use styles and technology.
3. Don’t be over protective of your children they must streetwise.
4. Discipline is important Pro 3:11-12  My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:

Pro 3:12  For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son *in whom* he delighteth.

Pro 13:24  He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

**Pro 29:15**  The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left *to himself* bringeth his mother to shame.

In disciplining our child we must be care not to provoke them .

**Col 3:21**  Fathers, provoke not your children *to anger,* lest they be discouraged.

Listen to them ,be their friend,explain to them why they where discipline with the scriptures,Don’t be beat them to satisfy your flesh.The goal of punishment is to correct not to damage your emotionally,physically and psychological.