

Training our Children

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I. Introduction.

A. Just because a child is raised in a Christian home does not mean that he or she is raised in a Christian way.

B. Text: Proverbs 22:6, Deuteronomy 6, Ephesians 6:4.

II. A father must raise his children—he cannot ship them off to be trained by someone else.

A. When fathers abdicates their responsibility to train their children, sin and tragedy results.

B. A father's love fills needs in children's lives in ways that will prevent them from getting it fulfilled in the wrong ways.

III. The challenge of raising children.

A. A father can only train a child if he has a personal walk with God himself.

B. A father must have a personal understanding of his children in order to train them in the emotional realm.

C. The father must have a plan of action in training his children.

1. It must be done diligently.

2. It must be done daily.

3. It must be done in conversation.

IV. We have a compelling motivation for training up our children.

A. We want to keep our children from the philosophy of the world. Our society is corrupt.

B. Our desire for our children's future should motivate us also.

C. The promise of God is that when we train up a child in the way he should go, he will walk rightly when he is old.

V. Fathers need to repent of past failures and get their families in a Bible believing church.

Application questions:

1. What excuses are made by Christian fathers for not training their children? How would you respond to these?

2. What is an example of the corruption of society from which you would want to keep your children?

3. What moral principles would you teach your children if you could only choose three? Explain.
