

# Raising Children in the Lord

The raising of children is seen as a serious responsibility in Scripture. It is as important for us to raise our children in the Lord as it is for us to obey the Lord ourselves. Children are a gift from the Lord, a blessing, yet they are born in original sin—they must be instructed, corrected, and disciplined if we expect them to be prepared for adult life, especially an adult life lived in the Lord's service.

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## A. The Law

*“...hear and listen ... learn and fear ... do and keep”*

### 1. What does the Law tell us about raising children?

Look up the following words in a good dictionary, and then give your summary of what each of the following passages teaches about raising children.

<p><b>Deuteronomy 4.39-40</b></p> <p><i>keep, statutes, commandments</i></p>	
<p><b>Deuteronomy 5.16</b> <i>cf. Exodus 20.12</i></p> <p><i>honor</i></p>	
<p><b>Deuteronomy 6.1-9</b></p> <p><i>judgments, fear, careful, diligently</i></p>	
<p><b>Deuteronomy 21.18-21</b></p> <p><i>stubborn, rebellious, obey, chastise</i></p>	
<p><b>Deuteronomy 31.12-13</b></p> <p><i>hear, learn, observe</i></p>	

### 2. Summarize your findings on the teaching of the Law.

## B. The Psalms

*Some songs to sing about children*

### 1. What do the Psalms tell us about raising children?

Look up the words; summarize what each passage teaches about raising children.

<p><b>Psalm 17.13-15</b> <i>satisfied</i></p>	
<p><b>Psalm 78.5-8</b> <i>appointed, teach, know, tell, forget, prepare, faithful</i></p>	
<p><b>Psalm 127.5-8</b> <i>gift, blessed, ashamed</i></p>	
<p><b>Psalm 128.1-4</b> <i>fruitful vine, olive plants</i></p>	

### 2. Summarize your findings on the teaching of the Psalms.

## C. The Proverbs

*“...instruct, correct, discipline”*

### 1. What do the Proverbs tell us about raising children?

Look up the words; summarize what each passage teaches about raising children.

<b>Proverbs 3.11-12</b> <i>discipline, loathe, reproves, corrects, delights</i>	
<b>Proverbs 13.24</b> <i>withholds, diligently</i>	
<b>Proverbs 19.18</b> <i>desire</i>	
<b>Proverbs 22.6</b> <i>train</i>	
<b>Proverbs 22.15</b> <i>foolishness</i>	
<b>Proverbs 23.13-14</b> <i>the child, the rod</i>	
<b>Proverbs 29.15-17</b> <i>shame</i>	

### 2. Summarize your findings on the teaching of the Proverbs.

## D. The Gospels

*The words of Jesus, our Lord*

### 1. What do the Gospels tell us about raising children?

Look up the words; summarize what each passage teaches about raising children.

<p><b>Matthew 10.21-22</b>  <i>cf. Mark 13.12-13</i>  <b>betray</b></p>	
<p><b>Mark 10.13-16</b>  <i>cf. Mt 19.13-15; Lk 18.15-17</i>  <b>rebuked,</b>  <b>hinder,</b>  <b>indignant,</b>  <b>permit</b></p>	
<p><b>Luke 14.25-26; 18.28-30</b>  <i>cf. Mt. 19.27-30; Mk 10.28-31</i>  <b>fruitful vine,</b>  <b>olive plants</b></p>	

### 2. Summarize your findings on the teaching of the Gospels.

## E. The Epistles

*Words addressed directly to the church*

### 1. What do the Epistles tell us about raising children?

Look up the words; summarize what each passage teaches about raising children.

<p><b><i>Ephesians 6.1-4</i></b>   <i>provoke,</i>  <i>instruction</i></p>	
<p><b><i>Colossians 3.20-21</i></b>   <i>well-pleasing,</i>  <i>exasperate</i></p>	
<p><b><i>First Thessalonians 2.11-12</i></b>   <i>exhorting,</i>  <i>encouraging,</i>  <i>imploring,</i>  <i>worthy</i></p>	
<p><b><i>Titus 1.6</i></b>   <i>believes,</i>  <i>dissipation</i></p>	

### 2. Summarize your findings on the teaching of the Epistles.

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## Overall Summary: **“Raising Children in the Lord”**

Consolidate your ideas into a clear and concise set of principles you can apply. For further study you may want to include key insights from Biblical examples, e.g.: Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and his sons, Eli and his sons, David and his sons.

### Summarize your findings

