

**“Raising Godly Children”**  
**Ephesians 6:1-4**

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- 1) Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.
  - 2) Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;
  - 3) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.
  - 4) And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

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Christian media expert Ted Baehr says that by age 17, the average child has spent between 40,000 and 63,000 hours watching television and movies and playing video games.

Parents, he says, need to be informed about what their children and their peers are watching. "That is a tremendous amount of time when you consider that they only go to church for 11,000 hours," he says. "Forty or fifty years ago, we didn't see what they do today [in the media]."

They've seen 50,000 murders; children today have seen over a million sex acts - things that you wouldn't have thought about years ago."

(Religion Today Summaries, 11/11/03)

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## Raising Godly Children

- Four Values to Teach Your Children
  - Obedience

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## Obedience

Ephesians 6:1

- 1) Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

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## Children Need Character

Proverbs 20:11

- 11) Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.

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## Children Need Discipline

### Proverbs 29:15

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

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W.C. Fields had a philosophy about raising kids... When they are children, put them in a box with cut out holes in the sides... When they become youth, plug up the holes!

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## Raising Godly Children

- Four Values to Teach Your Children
  - Obedience
  - Respect

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## Respect

### Ephesians 6:2-3

- 2) Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;
- 3) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

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## Teach Godly Fear & Humility

### Proverbs 15:33

- 33) The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.

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## Pride Leads to Destruction

### Proverbs 18:12

- 12) Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour is humility.

### Proverbs 16:18

- 18) Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

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## Children Need Humility

**Romans 12:3**

3) For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

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## Raising Godly Children

• Four Values to Teach Your Children

- Obedience
- Respect
- Nurture

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## Nurture

**Ephesians 6:4**

4) And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

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Socrates wrote:

"Could I climb the highest place in Athens, I would lift my voice and proclaim: 'Fellow citizens, why do you turn and scrape every stone to gather wealth, and take so little care of your children, to whom one day you must relinquish it all?'"

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## Jesus Nurtured Children

Mark 10:13-16

- 13) And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and *his* disciples rebuked those that brought *them*.
- 14) But when Jesus saw *it*, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.
- 15) Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.
- 16) And he took them up in his arms, put *his* hands upon them, and blessed them.

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## Encourage Children

Colossians 3:20-21

- 20) Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.
- 21) Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.

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## Teach the Importance of Youth

1 Timothy 4:12

12) Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

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## Train to Stay

Proverbs 22:6

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

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## Raising Godly Children

### • Four Values to Teach Your Children

- Obedience
- Respect
- Nurture
- Admonishment

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## Admonishment

### Ephesians 6:4

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## It's Greek to Me

- Admonish – Greek Word “nouthesia” (noo-thes-ee'-ah) Meaning Rebuke or Warn
- Derives From Two Greek Words:
  - “nous” (nooce) The Mind or the Intellect
  - “theo” (teh'-o) To Place in An Upright or Active Position While Being Prostrate or Kneeling Down

The Hebrew-Greek Key Word Study Bible  
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## The Praise of Kids is Perfect

### Matthew 21:15-16

15) And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased,

16) And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?

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## Children Understand God

### Matthew 11:25

25) At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.

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## In Conclusion

### Ecclesiastes 11:9 – 10

9) Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.

10) Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh: for childhood and youth are vanity.

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## In Conclusion

### Ecclesiastes 12:1

1) Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;

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**"A child's mind is like a bank -  
whatever you put in, you get back in 10  
years, with interest."**

**-Frederick Wertham**

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