

"Parental Responsibility." Col. 3:21; Eph. 6:4.

1-God's first circle of society is that of the family, and the origin of the family in His purpose lies within the sacred unity of man and woman.

1-In no point do Christians fail more than in the training of their children in the Lord.

2-They allow them to grow up:

1-Ambitious of worldly preferment.

2-Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God.

3-Greedy of gain and frequently scoffers of God.

3-The obedience of childhood and youth rendered to a wise Christian rule forms the habit:

1-Of self-control.

2-Of self-respect

3-Of diligence and faithfulness

4-Kindliness of heart-all these things are the best guarantee for happiness and success in life.

2-Parents cannot be faithful servants of God without studying His word:

1-Parents must treasure the word in their hearts.

2-Its teaching must mold their feelings.

3-His word must direct their lives and form their character.

4-They must do this to fit them for heaven.

3-In doing this they will:

1-They will teach the word to their children as the chief matter of life.

2-Deut. 6:6-9; God said to Israel:

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently to thy children, and thou shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest in the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be for frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the door-post of thy house and upon thy gates.

3-Proverbs 22:6;

Train up a child in the way that he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. 1-Either his calling and future station-His character and natural inclination

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4-Importance of attending Bible study:

- 1-The child will learn many lessons of great value.
- 2-The child will not soon forget those lessons.

3-Things that may cause the child to forget or become careless:

- 1-Indifference on part of parents.
- 2-The man:

Who did not attend church for 20 long years. Thought that he had to work every Lord's day. Lost both sons to the Devil.

3-Under protracted irritation:

- 1-The child is likely to become despondent, hopeless, sullen, losing all courage and spirit and giving up all effort to obey and finally become reckless. May often do things for spite.

5-In what manner shall parents nurture their children?

- 1-Early in life, like Timothy. 2-Tim.3:15.
- 2-Gradually. Deut.6:6-9.
- 3-Patiently. Deut.6:20-23.

And where thy son asketh thee in time saying, what meaneth the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgements, which the Lord our God hath commanded you?

- 1-We were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt.
- 2-The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand.
- 3-The Lord showed signs and wonders, great and sore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes.
- 4-And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he swore unto our fathers.

4-By example-Your own example, and Scripture examples.

- 1-Your own example: ????????????
- 2-Scripture examples.. Timothy's grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice. 2-Tim.1-5.

5-Encouragements or motives to the faithful discharge of parental duty:

- 1-We shall have the interest of eternity secured early in life. 2 Restraint from many follies and sinful habits. 3 We shall be promoting our own happiness in old age. *our children's happiness in the future generation*

