

Duties of Parents and Children

TEXT: *Parental Duties:* *Instructions for Children:*

Deuteronomy 6:7 Deuteronomy 27:16

Proverbs 22:6 Proverbs 20:11

2 Corinthians 12:14 Proverbs 23:22

Ephesians 6:4 Ephesians 6:1-3

1 Timothy 3:4

Titus 2:4,5

KEY VERSE: And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. — Ephesians 6:4

Countless volumes have been written by educators, psychologists, and learned writers in regard to the education and upbringing of children. They seem to feel that if this or that course were followed, the ills of mankind would be greatly reduced. How sad that many do not promote God's plan for rearing children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. That would, indeed, make the world a better place in which to live.

1. In the home, parents are responsible for teaching a child the Word of God. Why is Bible reading and study so important?

2. Explain in your own words what Proverbs 22:6 means. Consider the concern, time, and financial resources parents will invest in various types of secular education or training, in the hope of securing particular goals for their children. If the primary goal for one's children is that they make Heaven, what priority will be placed upon spiritual training?

3. In 2 Corinthians 12:14, Paul makes a statement to the Corinthians regarding his feeling that they should not be financially burdened with his needs. To what parental duty is he referring? See 1 Timothy 5:8.

4. The father's duty is to correct and admonish his child, even though this may cause the child to become angry. With this thought in mind, what is your explanation of the key verse?

5. Paul's exhortation is that the young women should love their husbands and children. Give several hypothetical situations where showing love to a child or teenager is a vital part of the response to the situation.

6. Our text says that if you honor father and mother, your days may be prolonged and that it will go well with you. What do you think *honor* means and how could it prolong your days?

7. Tell in your own words what Proverbs 20:11 means.

8. Since Proverbs 23:22 was written many centuries ago, do you think it still applies today? Why?

9. Under Moses' Law, a curse was pronounced on those who dishonored or despised their parents. In what way is a parallel in force in our day?

10. What do you think is the most important factor in having a happy home?