

What the Bible Says About Child Training

1. Child training must be built on Christ-centered _____.

"A _____ is one in which a child believes and is allowed to behave as though the entire household – parents, siblings and even pets – exist for one purpose – _____." – Lou Priolo

Elements of a "child-centered" home:

- _____ – a child clearly sins and the parents allow him to get away with it
- Manipulation – a child reacts in anger, clams-up, or cries to get his own way
- _____ – the child gets whatever he wants (it's all about the child – not others)
- Demanding – the child insists that things be done his way and when he wants
- Priorities – the child becomes _____ than the _____ or _____
- Responsibilities – a child has no responsibilities (parents do it all for the child)
- Communication – the child tells the parent what to do as if the child is equal or in charge
- _____ – the parents do anything they can to NOT offend their child

Discipline means _____ through spanking and/or removal of privileges (for _____, lying or _____).

How to discipline:

- Give them your _____
- Explain the consequences for their misbehavior up-front
- Paddle them on their bottom
- Show them _____ and give them the _____

Instruction in the Lord:

- Basic Christian _____
 - Google Spurgeon's Catechism and use it as a teaching tool
- Basic Christian _____
 - Get "Character Matters" from characterhealth.com

- Basic _____
 - Personal hygiene, finances, home and car maintenance, cooking, cleaning, washing and proper interpersonal skills

2. Child training must _____.

Parent-centered parenting:

"When children fail to live up to the parents expectations, the parents find themselves not grieving from them and fighting for them, but angry at them and in fact, _____ and their loss." – Paul David Tripp

Hidden idols:

- _____
- Respect
- Appreciation
- _____ (spiritual, educational, occupational)
- Control

How do you respond when you don't get what you want? Ask yourself, am I willing to sin in order to get what I want?

How do we "provoke" our children?

- _____ our _____
- Never expressing appreciation
- Demanding adult skills
- Lack of communication
- Conditional Love
- Teasing
- _____ we are wrong
- Forcing our preferential childhood activities or adult career choices
- Over-protecting
- Over-disciplining, _____, or disciplining in out-of-control anger

McDowell: "Rules _____ lead to rebellion."

- Accountability
- Acceptance

- Authority
- Availability

Ten Questions Every Parent Should Ask Their Child Every Year

by Tom Eliff

1. Do you feel we really _____ well _____?
2. Can you think of some ways we can improve our relationship?
3. Do you believe _____ you, or just the way you make me appear in the eyes of my friends?
4. Have I ever made a _____ to you that I _____?
5. Do you feel I _____? And do you respect me?
6. Is there something you would enjoy doing together with me?
7. Is there something in your life you are hesitant to tell me about for fear I would love you less?
8. What can I do to show you that I want to be more like Christ?
9. Is there anything I do that annoys or embarrasses you?
10. How can I best _____ I have in my heart for you and the honor I feel at being your parent?