

Raising Children

Last Week...

- What does God require of husbands?
Love their wives
- What does God require of wives?
Respect their husbands

Malachi 2:13-15 (ESV)

*And this second thing you do. You cover the Lord's altar with tears, with weeping and groaning because he no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand. But you say, "Why does he not?" Because the Lord was witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? **Godly offspring**. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth.*

Luke 2:41-52

**4 things the Lord would
have us know...**

1.) God wants us to raise up children in the Lord

(Luke 2:41-42 ESV) Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom

Jewish Feasts

(Deut 16:16 ESV) “Three times in a year all your males shall appear before the Lord your God in the place which He chooses, at the Feast of Unleavened Bread and at the Feast of Weeks and at the Feast of Booths, and they shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed.

Be Proactive

(Deu 6:7 NIV) These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

2.) Children don't start out being wise

(Luke 2:43-44 ESV) And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances.

Jesus grew

(Luke 2:52 NIV) And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Have an objective

(Prov 22:6 NIV) Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

3.) Kids need correction

(Luke 2:48 NIV) And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress."

Correction cures foolishness

(Prov 22:15 KJV) Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

Save his soul from death

(Prov 23:13-14 NIV) Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you punish him with the rod, he will not die. Punish him with the rod and save his soul from death

Is there peace in your house?

(Prov 29:17 NIV) Discipline your son, and he will give you peace; he will bring delight to your soul.

What disgraces a mother?

(Prov 29:15 NIV) The rod of correction imparts wisdom, but a child left to himself disgraces his mother.

Be consistent

(Eph 6:4 NIV) Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

God disciplines us.

(Heb 12:5-8 NIV) And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son." Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons.

No discipline is pleasant

(Heb 12:9-11 NIV) Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

4.) Children need to submit themselves to their parents

(Luke 2:51 ESV) And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart

Honor your father and mother

(Eph 6:1-3 ESV) Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”

He who hates discipline...

(Prov 15:10 NIV) Stern discipline awaits him who leaves the path; he who hates correction will die.

Don't ignore discipline

(Prov 15:32 NIV) He who ignores discipline despises himself, but whoever heeds correction gains understanding.

CONCLUSION