



Bring Them Up!

A Study for Parents on Raising Children

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Introduction

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Welcome to our study!

Purpose:

This Bible study is designed to explore and understand what the Bible says about raising our children.

Objectives:

1. Understand Bible teaching and principles pertaining to raising children
2. Explore techniques for disciplining and motivating children
3. Motivate us to always work to improve as a parent or grandparent

Study Outline

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A Gift From God

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Children are a Gift From God

*God sent me three packages
That needed special care
"Take care of these tiny gifts
For they are very rare."*

*"Watch over them with all your love
And let them feel your touch
Take care of their every need
For you are needed very much."*

*"These gifts will grow up very fast
As you soon will see
Love them with all your heart
And let them be what they will be."*

*"When these gifts have fully grown
Look at Heaven up above
Know they exist because of God
And all his precious love."*

~ Sandra Tolson

A Gift From God

- Desires and prayers for a child
 - Jacob and Rachel (**Gen 30**)
 - Hannah (**I Sam 1**)
 - Manoah (**Judges 13**)



What should we pray for concerning our children?

A Gift From God

- Desires and prayers for a child
- Children are a blessing from God
 - Jacob's view (**Gen 33:5**)
 - David's view (**Psalm 127 and 128**)



How are children gifts from God?

A Gift From God

- Desires and prayers for a child
- Children are a blessing
- Children should be cherished

A Moment for Reflection...

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- How important is prayer in bringing up children?
- How often do you pray for them?
- What is the greatest thing in being a parent?
- What powerful lessons can having kids teach you?

Parenting with a Purpose

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What Makes A Dad?

God took the strength of a mountain,

The majesty of a tree,

The warmth of a summer sun,

The calm of a quiet sea,

The generous soul of nature,

The comforting arm of night,

The wisdom of the ages,

The power of the eagle's flight,

The joy of a morning in spring,

The faith of a mustard seed,

The patience of eternity,

The depth of a family need,

Then God combined these qualities,

When there was nothing more to add,

He knew His masterpiece was complete,

And so, He called it ... Dad

~ Author Unknown

A Father's Love

- Parenting with Love
 - Love defined (1 Cor 13)
 - Love in action (Luke 15:11-32, Deut 30:19, Rom 1:28, Luke 12:15)



What parental characteristics can we glean from the parable of the Prodigal Son?

A Father's Love

- Father: Head of the Household
 - Authority defined (Eph 5:22-23)
 - Not a tyrant (1 Cor 13)
 - He guards and protects (Job 1:4-5)
 - Does not drive to anger (Eph 6:4, Col 3:21)



How could a father provoke his children to anger?

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What should a father take the lead in teaching his children?

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 - He disciplines his children (Prov 19:18, Prov 23:13)
 - He oversees the family finances (1 Tim 5:8, Prov 15:27, Matt 6:25-34)

A Father's Love



Discuss biblical characters who were **good** and **godly** fathers. Why were they so?



Discuss biblical characters who were **not good** fathers. Why were they so?

A Father's Love

A Moment for Reflection...

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- How does love factor into the father's responsibilities?
- What can cause a father to fail in his duty as Head of the Household?
- To whom should a father relinquish the role a leader of the family?
- What do men in our society commonly put ahead of their families?

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Changing Attitude Toward Mother

4 years of Age - My Mommy can do anything!

8 years of Age - My Mom knows a lot! A whole lot!

12 years of Age - My mother doesn't really know quite everything.

14 years of Age - Naturally, Mother doesn't know that either.

16 years of Age - Mother, She's hopelessly old-fashioned.

18 years of Age - That old woman. She's way out of date.

25 years of Age - Well, she might know a little bit.

35 years of Age - Before we decide, let's get Mom's opinion.

45 years of Age - Wonder what Mom would have thought about it?

65 years of Age - Wish I could talk it over with Mom....

A Mother's Love

- Motherhood According to God's Plan
 - Authority defined (Gen 2:18-24, 1 Pet 3:7, Eph 5:22-24)
 - Conception/Childbearing (Gen 3:16-4:1, Psalm 48:6, Isa 13:8, Jer 4:31, John 16:21, 1 Tim 2:8-14)
 - Virtues (Prov 31:10-31)



Discuss the attributes and characteristics of the virtuous woman.

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 - Virtues (Prov 31:10-31)
 - Keeper of the home (Prov 1:8, 6:20-24, 2 Tim 1:5, 2 Tim 3:14-15, Ex 20:12, Prov 19:26, Eph 6:1-2)
 - Passing the torch (Titus 2:1-5)

A Mother's Love



Discuss biblical characters who were **good** and **godly** mothers. Why were they so?



Discuss biblical characters who were **not good** mothers. Why were they so?

A Mother's Love

A Moment for Reflection...

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- How does love factor into the mother's responsibilities?
- What can cause a mother to fail in her duty as keeper of the home?
- Why did God assign the role of tending to the home to the mother instead of the father?
- Do fathers get a scriptural "pass" with regards to participating in the upkeep of the home and tending to the needs of the kids?

Train Up A Child

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