

Raising Faithful Children to Honor God

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Show Them the WAY by Our Example

- ◆ Parents must begin with themselves
 - **“You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength (Deut. 6:5)**
 - Means: we are faithful, passionate, sacrificial; showing compassion and kindness to others
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Inform Them of the WAY by Teaching

- ◆ Parents must teach their children
 - **“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children,” (v. 6-7)**
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Teach Them to **Respect God**

◆ **We do this by discipline**

◆ **Discipline includes:**

- Teaching (Deut. 6:7)
 - Training (Prov. 22:6)
 - Punishment
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Discipline is Difficult

- ◆ **Difficult to be firm**
 - ◆ **Difficult to be consistent**
 - ◆ **Difficult to be harmonious**
 - ◆ **Children need to be taught respect for parents, etc. If not, why will they respect God?**
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Punishment Must be Meaningful

- ◆ **“He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly” (Prov. 13:24)**
 - ◆ **“Chasten your son while there is hope, And do not set your heart on his destruction” (Prov. 19:18)**
 - ◆ **“Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of correction will drive it far from him” (Prov. 22:15)**
 - **“Foolishness” that tendency toward rebellion and disobedience and mockery.**
 - **Note the rod of correction**
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Punishment Must be Fair

- ◆ Children are different
 - ◆ It must fit the offense
 - ◆ It must not be abusive
 - Never Physical
 - Never Verbal
 - ◆ Unfair discipline destroys (Eph. 6:1-4; Col. 3:21)
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