

Scripture for Parenting

Parent's Call to Teach and Train

Deuteronomy 4:9-10 (watch yourself closely & teach those things to children)
Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-25; 11:18-21 (teach through daily life; tell them what things mean, why obey etc.)
Psalm 71:14-18 (personal hope in God & proclaim to next generation)
Psalm 78:1-8 (pass on to children, then to their children, and to their children, the wonders of God)
Psalm 102:18 (God's word written to teach a future generation)
Psalm 145:4 (tell mighty acts to other generations)
Proverbs 22:6 (train child in way should go)
Joel 1:1-3 (tell to children, then pass it to their children, and them to their children)
Ephesians 6:4 (train and instruct in the Lord)

Blessings and Curses

Deuteronomy 11:22-32 (obedience = blessing)
Psalm 127 (children are heritage)
Psalm 128 (sons like olive shoots)
Proverbs 16:20 (heed instruction and bring prosperity)
Proverbs 17:6,21,25 (children are blessing to parents; foolish son brings grief)
Proverbs 19:13, 26 (foolish son brings ruin to father; if son robs father, it brings shame)
Proverbs 20:20 (curse father and will be snuffed out)
Proverbs 30:17 (mockers of parents will lose eyes)

Child's Obedience

Exodus 20:12 (honor father & mother, then blessing)
Deuteronomy 21:18-21 (communal judgment of rebellious son)
Proverbs 15:5 (fool spurns father's discipline)
Proverbs 19:16 (obedience guards life)
Proverbs 20:11 (child is known by his actions)
Matthew 21:28-32 (parable of two sons; obey fully)
John 14:15, 21, 23-24 (show God love by obeying God)
Romans 1:28-32 (depraved mind is disobedient to parents)
Romans 13:1-5 (submit to authorities, they are instituted by God)
Ephesians 6:1-3 (obey & honor parents, receive promise)
Colossians 3:20 (obedience to parents pleases Lord)
2 Timothy 3:1-5 (disobedience to parents an evidence of the last days)
1 Peter 2:13-17 (submit to authorities for Lord's sake)

Parent-Child Relationships

Proverbs 31:10-31 (wife and mother who models a Christ-like relationship with her husband; diligently cares for the needs of her family; exemplifies goodness, strength, diligence, wisdom, true beauty and fear of the Lord; children & husband bless her because she seeks to do these things)
Colossians 3:21 (fathers do not discourage by causing bitterness)
Matthew 7:9-12 (parents give good things to children, even more so God gives good things)
Matthew 10:32-39 (love for Christ above love for family)
Matthew 22:36-40 & James 2:8,9 (love neighbor as self, not favoritism)
Ephesians 6:4 (fathers do not exasperate, but train and instruct)
1 Timothy 5:4-8 (caring for family members in need)
Titus 2:4-5 (love children, maintain good marriage as an example and manage home well)

Parenting Examples in the Bible

The following are some questions to ask yourself and journal about as you study the different parents God told us about in His word. He put them there for a reason, may we grow and learn from those before us!

Who is this (describe their character and roles, specifically in regards to their parenting)?

What happened/How did they handle this situation(s)?

How did their parenting compare to God's teaching for us from His word?

What can I learn and apply to my life from this example?

Abraham & Sarah (Genesis 11:29-12:5; 17:15-16; 18:18-19; 21:1-13; 22:1-9; 23:1-2; Romans 4:18-21; Hebrews 11:11)

Athaliah (2 Kings 11:1-16)

Confession of Israelite People (Joshua 24:14-16, 31 [read whole chapter for context])

Crowd before Pilate (Matthew 27:24-26)

David (2 Samuel 13:21, 30-34; 14:28; 1 Kings 1:5-6; 2:1-4)

Eli (1 Samuel 2:22-25)

Elizabeth (Luke 1)

Eunice & Lois (2 Timothy 1:3-7; 3:14-17)

Eve (Genesis 2:15-25; 3; 4:1-16, 25)

Hannah (1 Samuel 1; 2:19)

Generational Sins and Blessings (Exodus 20:4-6; Numbers 16 rebellion against Moses by Korah, Dathan and Abiram; Joshua 6, 7 sin of Achan)

Jesus' interaction with kids (Mark 10:13-16)

Joseph & Mary (Matthew 1:18-25; 2:9-23; 12:46-50; 27:50-56; Luke 1:26-56; 2:1-52; Acts 1:14)

Jochebed (Exodus 1:15-2:10; Hebrews 11:23)

Kings of Israel and Judah (1 Kings 14:21-22, 29-15:3, 9-15, 25-26; 22:41-44, 51-53; 2 Kings 3:1-3; 8:25-27; 14:1-4; 15:1-4, 8-9, 32-35; 16:1-4; 18:1-4; 21:1-2, 19-22)

Leah & Rachel (Genesis 29:4-30:24; 35:16-26)

Lydia (Acts 16:13-15)

Micah's Mother (Judges 17:1-4)

Mother of Zebedee's Sons (Matthew 20:20-28)

Naomi (Ruth 1:11-21)

Overseers/Elders/Deacons (1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9)

Parents seeking Jesus' help with their children (Matthew 9:18-25; 9:14-27; 14:21-28)

Rebekah (Genesis 25:19-28; 26:34-35; 27:1-28:9)

Samson's Parents (Judges 13:8 [read whole chapter for context]; 14:1-5)

Solomon (Proverbs 1:1-9 [read all of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes for more examples of what he taught his son]; 1 Kings 11:1-6)

Shunammite Woman (2 Kings 4:8-37)

Widows (1 Timothy 5:9-10)