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You Make a Difference!

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God's discipline has inbuilt restoration. See children as heroes.

“Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.”

COLOSSIANS 3:20-21 (KJ)

How To Raise Children Effectively – 3. See Part One, 17 July and Part Two, 18 July 2008. God's discipline has inbuilt restoration. If this is not there, all you are doing is punishment which could provoke the child to grow thick skinned to it, and that will have negative result on the child especially. And the rest of the family could be affected psychologically.

We should also encourage children by speaking words of faith that provides edification into the lives. Fathers and mothers are to see their children as heroes. We are to make them see and believe in possibilities. Praise them when they do it right. Correct them when they miss it with a view to encourage “doing it right” by raising their hope of positive consequences. Getting it right or wrong with the proper encouragement builds their esteem high. As a father, you are to help dig out the gold in them. You have to duty to protect them from peer pressure that may want to introduce them to vices.

Endeavour to build friendship with respect among your children. Their growth will be balanced when they learn from both parents. There are feminine things to learn from their mothers and masculine things to learn

from their father; and things to learn from both parents. Jesus said, “...**for your sake, I sanctified myself.**” **John 17:19**. For the fact that your actions / deeds speak louder than your words / voice, there’s a need to avoid words or behaviour that are capable of teaching the children negative things. They can easily copy such behaviour which may be difficult to stop. If such thing has happened, it’s better that you correct it by repenting. Then do a correction by letting your children know that what you did / say was wrong and tell them the right thing to do / or the right words to say. Fathers are supposed to be role models of righteousness to their children.

Father Abraham was first a good father to his son Isaac to the extent Isaac trusted and obeyed his father to the point of death. **Genesis 22:9-10**. He was a good husband to his wife Sarah hence she called him lord. **1 Peter 3:6**. Finally he was a good master to his servants as we see in Eliezer whom Abraham loved like his own son, to the extent he could make him rule over all that he had even to the point of asking him to go look for a wife for his son Isaac on oath. **Genesis 24:2-3**.

God bless the fathers as your children honour you not just on Father’s Day, but always. **Ephesians 6:2-3**. May the Lord also honour you for your good work in your home / family and make you a father of many nations. May the Lord make you honourable among men and in your generation, so that generations yet unborn will see your good works and glorify God in your life. Amen.

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