

1) **1 Peter 2 verse 9-10**

But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.

You are a royal priesthood, priests to your children. **A Priest** represents God to the people and represents the people to God.

Parents present God to Your children in teaching and family worship and present your children to God through the ministry of prayer.

2) **Deuteronomy 6 verse 4-9**

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

You shall teach scriptures diligently to your children.

A) Without a fundamental love for God, any teaching will be hollow. The foundation is a parents love for God.

B) Parenthood is for life.

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3) Ephesians 6 verse 1-4

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise), 3 SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH. 4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Obedience to the parent by the child is required by God. Make sure they obey. Teaching them to respect and to honour their parents, the only commandment with a promise attached. Don't anger and discourage them, bring them up in the discipline and the instruction of the Lord.

You fathers are the primary one responsible. God is the ultimate Father, all earthly parenthood derives from Him.

Love, discipline, teach.

Helpful Hints.

A. Be an example.

1 Corinthians 11 verse 1

Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.

B. Practice Righteousness

There is a need for openness and truthfulness. Parents need to fulfill their promises and warnings. They need to answer their children seriously, it is a good teaching opportunity. We must build in them a love of the truth and modesty as the world becomes more extreme.

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C. Firmly Set Rules

Not an oversupply of petty regulations. No rules means the shifting tide of emotion and impulse, children thrive on order and routine. Too many rules creates dependence rather than responsible independence.

D. Capitalise on the simplicity of a Child's faith. Their faith becomes a doorway to experience and their faith is built on encounters with Jesus.

E. Practice the Presence of Jesus. Communicate your relationship with Jesus as Spirit to your children.

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