

Co-Parenting With God: *Equipping Your Kids For Life*

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Having children

is like



in your brain.

Lesson 4 – Shaping the Defiant Will

Proverbs 19:18 Discipline your son while there is hope; (Just Don't Kill Him!)

Titus 2:4 Reminds the older women to teach younger women to love their husbands and their children.

It is OK to ask for help, but please consider the track record of the source.

When you hear sound advice, **LISTEN!**

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A) A Battle of Wills

Classroom Teachers and Lawmen See and Deal with the Results EVERYDAY of Parents WHO DID NOT PARENT!

Isaiah 1:2-20 Did God Warn and Punish Northern Kingdom (Israel) and Southern Kingdom (Judah) for sin?

Their Response ???

Isaiah 40:1-2 “. . . she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.”

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B) Five Suggetions

1. Start Early

Proverbs 19:18 – While there is hope

Proverbs 22:15 – Where is foolishness ?

Proverbs 13:24 – Be diligent !

Children want to know where the boundaries are
and what will happen when crossed !

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2. Stay Balanced

Proverbs 29:15 – Rod *AND* Reproof Give Wisdom

2 Timothy 3:16-17 – God Reproves, Corrects, and Instructs Us, Right? For What Reason (v. 17) ?

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3. Be Consistent

Guidelines that help:

- A. Establish Rules Firmly
- B. Discipline Privately
- C. Hold Your Child

Colossians 3:21 Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so they won't become discouraged.

Ever have a boss, co-worker, teacher that discourages by the way they treat you and make you feel ?

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4. Be Reasonable

Especially with Firstborn !

Don't Expect Perfection

Gen 18 – Lord was reasonable when Abraham negotiated for Sodom and G'town

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5. Keep Your Sense of Humor

Matthew 7:12 Whatever you want others to do for you, do also the same for them.

This Includes the way Parents ought to treat children.

Your Children Want You to Control Them, but Insist That You Earn the Right to Do So!

