

## Come let us Grow Together: Parenting

Come let us Grow Together is a weekly series that deals with the many topical categories that exist within the Word of God. The purpose of this series is to grow in wisdom, knowledge, and understanding in things pertaining to God.

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” (Pro 22:6)

The law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ (Gal 3:24) and was written for our learning. (Rm 15:4)

“Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates.” (Deut 11:18-20)

As the parent of the house you are responsible for your children and bringing them up in the nourishing and admonition of the Lord. For this to take place you yourself must also know the Word of God and be a living example of that Word and not a hypocrite.

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. 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.” (Col 3:16-21)

Notice carefully that your spouse comes before your children. A house divided can not stand. Your child should not be pitting you against your spouse and you should not be allowing it. Your first responsibility is to put the Lord Jesus Christ first, then your spouse, and then your children.

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (2 Tim 2:15) “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.” (1 Peter 3:15)

This requires you to be studying the Word of God, applying the Word of God in your life, and then instructing others in the way of righteousness.

As a parent you are responsible for your child's upbringing and God has given us a promise. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Pro 22:6) This must take place while they are a child. You are competing for your child's soul against satan and his angels as well as the corrupt school systems where your child is continually being exposed to false and wicked teachings that are directly contradicting to the Word of God. If it is at all possible you should be homeschooling your children and continually instructing them in the ways of truth from the Word of God the Bible!

Your child can begin to read and comprehend at a young age. There is no reason to say they can't understand the Bible. You need to be instructing them of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and teaching them from the Bible the Word of God. It is not enough to leave it to a Sunday school teacher once a week when we were instructed from our schoolmaster "Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates:" (Deut 11:18-20) "God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged." (Rm 3:4)

If you were instructing your children daily in the Word of God and exposing the sins of this world to them by teaching them God's commandments then they would know how to resist the devil and would be able to stand up and give account against those who were opposing the truth in meekness and in the fear of the Lord.