

3. Read Psalm 127. How does the Lord view our children? (vs. 3)

A. Is this how you think of your child/children? Why or why not?

4. According to Titus 2:4, what are we instructed to do as mothers?

5. What is the most important way you can show your children that you love them?

6. Read Proverbs 22:6. Make this verse personal with your child's name.

"Train up _____ in the way (s)he should go, and when _____ is old (s)he will not depart from it."

Proper training of a child is the maximum expression of true love that a mother can give her child. No amount of material benefits a mother could ever give her child can take the place of truly caring enough to train him. If you really love your child, train him; you and he both will receive the blessings that are promised by God.

7. What is the most important way you can train your child/children?

8. What does God's Word instruct us to teach or to train our children in Deuteronomy 6:1-9?

- A. When are we to train them in this way?

B. Why is this important?

9. Why is it important that you know, believe and obey the Word as a mother?

10. Read Proverbs 13:24. What is another way we can love and train our children?

A. Define discipline.

11. The Lord views discipline as an act of love; do you? Why or why not?

12. What does Hebrews 12:5-13 say about the Lord's discipline?

A. What is produced by His discipline?

13. What command is given to you as a mother in Proverbs 23:13-14?

A. What is the promise of your obedience?

14. What do the following Scriptures tell us about the rod?

Proverbs 23:13-14

Proverbs 22:15

Proverbs 29:15

God calls us to use the rod as a first response, not as the last resort.

15. What is the essential purpose or goal of discipline?

16. What is the basic purpose of a spanking?

17. What is a spanking **not** designed to do?

18. What can you do to reap the fruit in the following Scriptures?

Proverbs 10:1a

Proverbs 23:24-25

Proverbs 29:15a

Proverbs 29:17

Proverbs 31:28

- 19.** There is another side at which we must look. What can you do to avoid the bad fruit in the following Scriptures?

Proverbs 10:1b

Proverbs 17:21

Proverbs 29:15b

20. In prayer, consider the following questions:

What specific things do I need to instruct my child in at this present time?

List existing rules which you seem not to consistently enforce. Why are they not being enforced?

Does my child respond in obedience the first time I ask for it?

Does my child respond in obedience when I use a normal tone of voice, or does my voice need a note of threat or anger to it?

Is my obedience to the Lord such that I can expect obedience from my child?

21. Explain how John 12:24 can apply to you, as a mother, in the training of your child/children.

22. How does Galatians 6:8-9 give you encouragement to continue being a godly, ministering mother?