

Ps 127:1-5

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

Can you think of a greater responsibility than God giving you another Human Being to shepherd and Nurture?

Illus: Some people don't want to bring kids into this world, because they don't want the responsibility for raising them.

Eph 6:4 "Nurture and Admonition of the Lord.

Illus: All of the Child rearing books spend the majority of the text on how to train ourselves as parents.

(Deu 6:6-7) And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

1. **Have your children heard you tell them how you got saved?** (1 Chron16:8-9)
2. **Have your children heard you pray and call their name out to God?** (1 Chron 29:18-19)
 - a. Asking God to Bless, Protect, & Provide for them?
3. **Have your children heard you read the Bible to them?**
 - a. Deut 11:18-19; 2 Tim 3:15 They can grasp it!
4. **Have your children seen you give God His Tithe's and offerings?** Have you taught them why and How?
Mal 3:10; 1 Cor 16:2
5. **Have your children seen you go to the Altar and confess your sins to God?** *Illus: Play in the Tears on the Altar.*

6. **Have your Children seen you giving out Gospel tracts to people, trying to get them to Christ.** Matt 10:32; Lk 12:8
7. **Have your children heard you tell someone how to be saved?**
 - a. Pleading with that soul to trust Christ?
 - b. Knowing you were not ashamed to be publically identified with Christ? Mk 8:35-38; Lk 9:24-26
8. **Have your children heard you tell someone how much your church means to you** (Heb 10:24-25) (Ps 84:1-4)
 - a. How do you want your kids to treat church in their life?
 - b. Grown adult people, get mad about something, they jerk their kids, break their relationships.
9. **Have your children heard you tell each other how much you love each other?** (Eph 5:25,28)(1 Cor 7:1-5)(Gal 5:22)
 - a. Do they see you with acts of tenderness?
 - b. *Well, I'm not that kind of a guy. Well you need to Be!*
10. **Have your children heard you express gratitude to God for His blessings in your life?** (Ps 9:1-2)
 - a. *Illus: Pointing out problems without offering solutions & volunteering to make it better is just COMPLAINING. We scold our kids for Whining.*
 - b. Have they ever heard us give a testimony in church? (Ps 35:18)
 - c. They learned to be materialistic and shallow from us. (Ps 34:1)

The time we have with them is short, and irretrievable.
It will be gone before you know it.

Our children need to see our love for God, each other, love for them, and God's service.

Ask God to help you!

Invitation: Ask each question separately.