

MY JACKED UP FAMILY - 6
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1. CHILDREN ARE A GIFT!

Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from him.^{NLT} Psalm 127:3

Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Psalm 127:3

Children born to a young man are like sharp arrows in a warrior's hands. ⁵ How happy is the man whose quiver is full of them! He will not be put to shame when he confronts his accusers at the city gates. Psalm 127:4-5

2. PARENTS ARE CALLED TO BE TEACHERS AND TRAINERS OF THEIR CHILDREN!

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. ⁶And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:5-9

This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. Genesis 2:24

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6

3. TEACH AND TRAIN ABOUT DISCIPLINE!

Discipline is systematic instruction given to a disciple. To discipline thus means to instruct a person to follow a particular code of conduct.

He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly.^{NKJ} Proverbs 13:24

If you refuse to discipline your children, it proves you don't love them; if you love your children, you will be prompt to discipline them.^{NLT} Proverbs 13:24

Discipline your children, and they will give you rest; they will give delight to your heart. Proverbs 29:17

4. TEACH AND TRAIN ABOUT YOUR EXPECTATIONS!

Kids perform to expectations!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

5. TEACH AND TRAIN THEM TO RESPECT AUTHORITY!

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 that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth. Ephesians 6:1-3

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ² Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³ For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. Romans 13:1-3

5. TEACH AND TRAIN THEM THAT NO MEANS NO!

Above all, my brothers, do not swear-- not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. Let your "Yes" be yes, and your "No" be no, or you will be condemned. James 5:12

6. TEACH AND TRAIN THEM THE BIBLE IS THE FINAL AUTHORITY ON RIGHT AND WRONG!

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16 - 17

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 119:105

7. ALWAYS REMEMBER YOUR ROLE!

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Colossians 3:20

Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. Exodus 20:12

Fathers, bring up your children in the training and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4

8. IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR FAMILY!

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. ¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:18-19

Action Step:

**Remember children are a gift. Where do you need to do a better job of teaching and training?
Remember it's never too late to make a difference in the lives of children!**