

Parent-Child Relationships

I. What does God say about the Parent-Child Relationship?

A. Parental duties include the following:

1. Parents are to teach their children (Deut. 6:7; Isa. 38:19).
2. Parents are to train their children (Prov. 22:6; Gen. 18:19).
3. Parents are to provide for their children (II Cor. 12:14).
4. Parents are to nurture their children (Eph. 6:4).
5. Parents are to control their children (I Tim. 3:4; I Thess. 2:10-12).
6. Parents are to love their children (Titus 2:4).
7. Parents are to correct their children (Prov. 13:24; 19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14; 20:30; 13:24).
8. Parents are to discipline their children (Prov. 23:13-14; 29:15, 17; 22:15; 19:18; 3:12; II Sam. 7:14; Heb. 12:5-11).
9. Parents are to instruct their children (Deut. 4:9; 31:13; Psa. 78:2-8; 44:1-8; Prov. 22:6; Isa. 38:9; John 21:15).

II. What does God say about Parental weakness and sin in the lives of their children.

1. The indulgence of the parent is seen in the children (I Sam. 3:13; 8:3; I Kings 1:6).
2. The disastrous results of the sins of the parents (Prov. 29:15; Luke 15:12-13).
3. Parents are to see their children as a gift from God (Gen. 33:5; Gen 48:9; Joshua 24:3; Psa. 113:9; 127:3 Isa. 8:18).