

CHILDREN: BRINGING JOY TO PARENTS

Book of Proverbs



- *“The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him. Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.” Proverbs 23:24-25*
- How can children bring joy to their parents?

First, parents must have a _____ and goal.

- *“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6*
- *“Train”* indicates that you, as a parent, have an active and positive goal.

Second, parents must apply consistent

_____.

- What are ways that we know our children are partaking in folly or foolishness?
 - ⇒ They are deceitful and _____.
- Proverbs 14:8

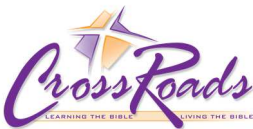
- ⇒ They lack _____-control, exhibiting angry outbursts. Proverbs 14:17, 29
 - ⇒ They lack good decision making and won't _____ to instruction. Proverbs 16:21-22
 - ⇒ They exhibit an arrogant, know-it-all attitude. Proverbs 18:12-13
 - ⇒ They cannot control their _____. Proverbs 15:2, 14
- If children are going to bring joy to our lives, they must be corrected when they act foolishly.

Third, parents must replace foolishness with _____. 29:15, 15:20-21

Fourth, parents must provide godly _____.

- *“The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him.”* **Proverbs 31:1**

All of these principles that we have shared involved a key word – _____!



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