



## What Children Need

### Proverbs

- Children should bring \_\_\_\_\_ and gladness to parents - this is God's design. vs. 23:24-25
- But the truth is, many times they bring unspeakable \_\_\_\_\_ (10:1), shame (19:26), and reproach (19:26).
- In the book of Proverbs, God shows us clearly what children need, if they are to be a source of joy and not grief to us.

#### Children need:

##### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ - vs. 22:6

- Training indicates that you have a \_\_\_\_\_ - an active and positive goal.
- The goal of Christian parents ought to be that their children grow up to be \_\_\_\_\_, not just good.

##### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ - vs. 22:15

- According to the Bible, there is something within every child's heart that a parent needs to reach and \_\_\_\_\_ out - **foolishness**.
- How do we accomplish this? It's through the \_\_\_\_\_ of correction.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ - vs. 22:15

- Our goal as parents doesn't stop with driving out the foolishness - we want to replace it with \_\_\_\_\_.
- Kids \_\_\_\_\_ clear direction - they need boundaries. vs. 1:8

4. \_\_\_\_\_ - vs. 31:1

- God's design is that the \_\_\_\_\_ be the primary source of influence and instruction in a child's life.
- As you seek to instruct, here are some practical suggestions:
  - a. Teach your child to accept and fulfill responsibility.
  - b. Instill in your child a strong \_\_\_\_\_ ethic.
  - c. Use \_\_\_\_\_ as a reward for hard work, but not a way of life.
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ their TV and video game intake and encourage them to use their minds (drawing, reading, exploring, painting, coloring, etc.).
  - e. Never \_\_\_\_\_ uncontrolled emotional outbursts and tantrums.
  - f. Insist that your child be \_\_\_\_\_ and neat.
  - g. Help your child to establish proper priorities in life.
  - h. Be an \_\_\_\_\_ to your child.