

A Heart that leads your children

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Tell them [God's commandments] to your children over and over again. Talk about them all the time, whether you're at home or walking along the road or going to bed at night, or getting up in the morning. Write down copies and tie them to your wrists and foreheads to help you obey them. Write these laws on the door frames of your homes and on your town gates.

Deuteronomy 6:7-9

SUMMARY:

Providing a spiritual covering by bringing our children before God's throne through prayer is one of the unique privileges that you and I have as fathers. You may not comprehend what a rare opportunity you have until you realize that, with the exception of your wife's prayers and possibly a faithful believing grandparent's prayers, you may be the only other person on the face of this earth who is praying for your children. Don't miss out on this blessed privilege! --Jim George

NOTES:

Your Provision for your Children

1. Provide an _____ in teaching
2. Provide a _____ Godly example
3. Provide _____ leadership
4. Provide _____ discipline
5. Provide _____ for your children
6. Provide a _____ outside the home
7. Provide _____ for outside influences

DISCUSSION POINTS:

- Have you thought of your brokenness as the beginning to being a Man after God's own heart?
- What gets in the way of your care for your children? How can you rearrange your priorities?
- What are the essentials of providing good discipline to your children?
- In what ways are you struggling with your role as the spiritual leader in your family?
- Are you taking advantage of the privilege of praying for your children?

APPLICATION:

To Bring Down a Son:

1. Let him have plenty of spending money.
2. Permit him to choose his own companions without restraint or direction
3. Give him a latch-key and allow him to return home late at night.

To Bring up a Son:

1. Make home the brightest and most attractive place on earth.
2. Make him responsible for the performance of a limited number of daily duties.
3. Never punish him in anger.
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Scripture References:

Eph 6:4; Prov 3:12; Hebrews 12:6-7
Col 3:21; Job 1:4-5