

Basic Assumptions About Children:

Example of a worldly view:

Children are born pure and untainted and would stay that way if we didn't corrupt them.

Godly view:

Proverb 22:15 ~ "Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child..."

Question:

What worldly assumptions might hinder us in raising our children? And how?

Being A Righteous Role Model

Read Deuteronomy 4:9-10 and 1 Timothy 4:12

Questions:

What is the first thing to do when we want our children to learn anything?

What has a greater impact, the things we say to our kids or the things they see us do?

Applying the Greatest Commandment

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Ephesians 6:1-4 and Colossians 3:20-21

Questions:

What are we to teach our children?

What do we want to avoid doing to our children?

When is the best opportunity to teach children?

Teach Them Their Inherent Self-Worth

Read Romans 8:31-39

Questions:

In what ways can we determine the value something has?

How do people often determine their self-worth?

What does God think we are worth?

Train Them Through Discipline

Read Hebrews 12:9-11 and 1 Kings 1:6

Questions:

Why are we told David didn't rebuke Adonijah at any time?

What is the purpose of discipline?

Love Them

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-7

- L -Listen to them
- O -Overlook their weaknesses
- V -Voice your love- Talk to them.
- E -Effort

Questions:

How do these principles of Love apply to raising children?