

# To Love the Lord Thy God - Spiritually, part 16 quotes

## 1 The Emotion of Love Dealing With Family Members -- Love of Parents to Their Children

How are parents to properly deal with disobedience in their children?

Any child has to be able to understand what is required of them. Once their mental faculties are developed enough to understand what you are saying to them, then their disobedience can often be handled by simply talking and reasoning with them between what is right and wrong. But in cases when reasoning fails to curb their continued disobedience, then different methods of correction will need to be employed until one method is found that works best on that particular child. It is only at times when their disobedience turns into outright rebellion against your authority, and milder methods fail to control them, that you will need to employ stronger methods depending on the level of rebellion.

“He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.” Proverbs 13:24.

The Hebrew word for “rod” used here is “shebet”, and it translates and means “correction, a stick used for punishing, rod” (Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance, word #7626). This means that using the Biblical “rod” on your child does not always mean spanking them, but it could also refer to using other non physical methods of correction. The Hebrew word for “chasteneth” used here is “muwcar”, and it translates and means “chastisement, reproof, warning or instruction, restraint, check, correction, discipline” (Strong’s, word #4148). And the Hebrew word for “betimes” is “shachar”, and it translates and means “early at any task, earnestness, seek diligently” (Strong’s, word #7836).

If any parent refuses to take up their appointed work of properly correcting their children, then they reveal that they really do not love them, and are actually treating them like they are not their kids at all! And especially does this apply to fathers!

“...for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement...then are ye bastards, and not sons.” Hebrews 12:7-8.

## 2 Why are parents to be so earnest in correcting your children?

“...[After sin] God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.” Genesis 6:5.

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” Jeremiah 17:9.

“For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.” Mark 7:21-23.

## 3 “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour”. 1 Peter 5:8.

The Greek word for “devour” is “katapino”, and it translates and means “ to entirely devour, drown, swallow” (Strong’s, word #2666). This means that in addition to this battle of wills between you and your children, Satan is eagerly watching for any opportunity to help your children on to become just as selfish, self-centered, proud and sinful as he is, in order that they can be more and more devoured and swallowed up in wickedness until they are completely drowned in unrighteousness and lost. If parents do not take up their God-given responsibility of raising your children properly in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and your children then naturally choose to follow their own will and ultimately the will of Satan and then become lost, what will you be able to say to God when He questions you about these little lambs He gave you to raise for Him?

“...where is the flock [children] that was given thee, thy beautiful flock? What wilt thou say when he shall punish thee [for their lost condition]? for thou hast taught them to be captains [to rule over others, instead of ruling over their own selves], and as chief over thee [ruling over you instead of you as their parents ruling over them]: shall not sorrows take thee, as a woman in travail? And if thou say in thine heart, Wherefore come these things upon me? For the greatness of thine iniquity are thy skirts discovered, and thy heels made bare.” Jeremiah 13:20-22.

If parents do not live up to their solemn responsibility to properly raise, train and educate their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord so that they can be saved, then Satan will surely raise, train and educate them in sin so that they can be lost! If this occurs, what possible excuse can you give to God for your sinful neglect of your parental responsibilities? And you yourself will be lost!

“But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea....[and he will] be cast into everlasting fire.” Matthew 18:6, 8.

**4** God is waiting for parents to recognize their mistakes and sinful neglect, and then humbly come to Him for pardon. And He promises to freely forgive you, and then to work right along with you in doing battle and warfare against the wicked inclinations and habits first in you and then in your children, so that His children under your care may be properly raised and trained by you to God's glory!

"...with us is the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles." 2 Chronicles 32:8.

"But if thou wilt go, do it, be strong for the battle:...for God hath power to help, and to cast down." 2 Chronicles 25:8.

"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled." 2 Corinthians 10:3-6.

"Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:14-16.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13.

**5** "Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety." 1 Timothy 2:11-15.

This verse is not teaching that only women who give birth to children can be saved, because women are "by grace...saved through faith" in Jesus Christ alone (Ephesians 2:8). But yet this verse does indicate that something connected with childbearing can indeed involve a woman's salvation.

The Greek word for “childbearing” is “teknogonia”, and it translates and means “parentage, the performance of maternal duties, childbearing” (Strong’s, word #5042). This verse is not just dealing with a woman becoming pregnant and delivering a child, but is dealing with her maternal and parental duties after the child is born! So by the mother taking up her maternal and parental duties in caring for, raising and training her children for the glory of God, then this will be the very means of saving her own soul, because she will have to be daily converted to God herself before she can properly train and educate her children in the faith of God!

As this is true, then having children that you can properly care for is actually a great blessing from God, because He sees that it will be the means of helping you as parents “to work out your own salvation with fear and trembling” (Philippians 2:12) through raising these children for Him.

**6** Whether married couples have children or not, you have cause for great rejoicing in either case! This is because through God you both can “work out your own salvation” by daily remaining steadfast and unmovable in the faith as it is in Jesus.

“But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.” 1 Corinthians 15:57-58.

“...for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.” Philippians 4:11.

“In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18.