

## WHAT KIDS NEED FROM THEIR PARENTS

Kids might think they need video games and candy. Some parents may think their kids need the best academic education or a new car when they turn 16. Scripture reveals a different reality.

### I. LOVE

#### A. **Hosea 11:1**

God loves His Son and He is the Father every father must emulate.

#### B. **Titus 2:4**

Older women are told to teach younger women to love their children. This may seem an intrinsic bond, but there are some “*without natural affection*” (**Romans 1:31 KJV**), so it is worth the instruction.

#### C. **Colossians 3:21**

Love should preclude provocation and discouragement.

#### D. **Psalms 127:3-5**

Children deserve to know they are blessings from God.

### II. FOOD

#### A. **Matthew 7:7-11**

Children should be able to depend on their fathers being able to feed them.

#### B. **1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 5:8**

Family has priority obligation to provide for material need, not the school, not the State – family.

### III. INSTRUCTION

#### A. **2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:5; 3:15**

Kids need moms and grandmas like Eunice and Lois who will teach them salvation through Scripture from childhood.

**B. Ephesians 6:4; Genesis 18:19**

Kids need dads like Abraham whom God can rely on to command their children in righteousness.

**IV. TIME**

**A. Deuteronomy 6:6-9**

The overt teaching of this text relates to the previous point concerning instruction, but the implication underlying that is that families spend time together, talking around the table without the distraction of TV, and engaging in earnest conversation when going about life's daily tasks.

**B. Exodus 12:26-27; Joshua 4:4-7**

Moses and Joshua anticipated children asking their parents about the religious memorials they would be observing. Parents need to spend time with their children in worship, letting them see, and, subsequently, ask questions.

**V. RESPONSIBILITY**

**A. Lamentations 3:27**

Hard work is fitting for the young. They need to be entrusted with responsibility.

**B. Genesis 37:2, 12-14**

Joseph was a shepherd at age 17 and entrusted with lengthy solo travel.

**C. Genesis 29:9**

Rachel was a shepherdess as a young lady.

**VI. DISCIPLINE**

**A. Proverbs 13:24; 19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:15, 17**

Corporal discipline is 100% essential to the proper upbringing of every child.

**B. Hebrews 12:5-11**

It is not a relic of the Old Covenant either. We can hardly grasp the chastening that comes from the Lord if we aren't acquainted with it in the home. Pain is necessary to produce the peaceable fruit of righteousness.