

DESTINY

WHY DEDICATE OUR CHILDREN TO THE LORD?

Prov. 22:6 tells us to train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from those ways. There are many conflicting resources and books on various ways to train children today. It is important to note the verse specifically says we are to train up a child in ***the way*** not ***a way***. Though there are many ways to be considered and explored, the Bible shows us ***the way*** to parent in a way that honors and glorifies God. As a young plant grows correctly next to a strong stake in the ground beside it, our children grow strong as we train them in the Truth of God's Word.

The Old Testament is translated from the Hebrew language with the exception of some passages translated from Aramaic. The word found in Prov. 22:6 for "train" is the Hebrew word "*Hanakh*" and literally means "to dedicate" or "to consecrate." It's used only four times in the Old Testament, three times in reference to dedicating a building and once in this passage for the sacred process of training a child.

Training a child takes daily dedication and surrender to Jesus. Dedicating our children before the Lord and before our church family is making an oath before God and his people to do whatever it takes to train that child in the understanding and knowledge of God. This is not a simple task. This requires parents to always consider how their decisions will influence the ideas and attitudes of this child who is forming his/her own personal relationship with Christ. With God's help we can raise up sons and daughters who will love Jesus with all of their heart, all of their soul, all of their strength and all of their mind. **(Luke 10:27)**

We can never leave a legacy until we first live a legacy. We read in the Bible where Joshua had 14 consecutive generations serving God after him. Our decisions, both good and bad, will echo for hundreds of years among thousands of people. May God grant us great wisdom to walk out His plans for our lives as we purpose to effectively inspire and empower the next generation to know their God and to make Him known.

The next baby dedication service at Destiny is _____.

Parent Meeting for baby dedication is _____,
11am, in church offices.

Please read the information, watch the brief video, then sign and return the attached form before the Parent Meeting, including a photo of your child.

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PARENTING BY THE BOOK

Dr. John Rosemond has written 20 books and worked with families, children and parents as a psychologist since 1971. This message is titled, "Parenting by 'The Book'" which sheds light on what God's Word says regarding the parenting of children. You can access this less than 30-minute video at destinychristian.com/baby-dedication.

Eph 6:4 *Fathers, do not exasperate your children;* _____

When a child sees the projection of Biblical authority from their parents it becomes the first experience a child has with God's authority in their life. A child's natural reaction to proper presentation of authority is obedience.

The way we deal with children in America has changed. We are no longer dealing with children effectively because we are no longer following _____ design.

We have lost the sense of how to raise a child properly because we have been listening to people with advanced degrees who have made this all sound very complicated. God's plan for raising children is very simple.

How many sentences does Dr. Rosemond say there are in the Bible about how to raise our children?

Don't let your child get any impression he is in a decision-making role in the family. Obedient children are happier children than disobedient children. Our grandparents said, "Nip it in the bud."

6 steps to get your children to obey:

1. Give instructions with confident expectation of obedience.
2. Use as few words as possible to simplify.
3. Start with, "I want you to..."
4. After you give the directive do not explain yourself.
5. Answer, "Why" with, "Because I said so and I'm your parent."
6. After you give the instruction simply turn and walk away leaving the child with the decision to obey or not.

4 steps to implementing consequences:

1. Never repeat instructions to a child. If you tell your child to hang up their towel after a shower, never tell them again.
2. Contrary to what "they" say you don't have to give immediate consequences. Be immediate if under 3 years old. At 3 years old give same day. 4 and older within two days. Take your time and decide with certainty what consequence you will calmly communicate and stand behind.
3. Work on one problem at a time. Disciplinary Math says 10 are reduced to 7 if you solve one. 7 problems are reduced to 4 by solving another. If you try to solve two problems you'll still have 10. Solve one problem at a time.
4. Don't buy in to the idea that the punishment should fit the crime. Every child is different, so let the punishment fit the child!

Disciplinary illustration: Friends are coming over so you ask your child to pick up their toys in the living room and then leave the room. When you return and find the child still playing you don't make a big fuss and you do not repeat your instructions. You pick up the toys yourself. After the friends come over and leave you explain to your child that they will go to bed for the next week an hour early. The child will ask why? You then explain because I asked you to pick up the toys and you didn't so this is the consequence. Don't give in. Live by your rule. Children learn they need to listen and obey right up front at an early age.

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BABY DEDICATION

DATE _____

Service Preference ___ 1st ___ 2nd

By signing this document, parent(s) are agreeing to the following:

- We have read why we dedicate our children to the Lord and have watched the video and read the material on "Parenting By the Book."
- We understand the commitment we are making before the Lord to train up our children in the context of God's family, the church.
- We understand that we are to take personal spiritual responsibility for this training as a personal ministry to God and to the family which God has entrusted to our care.

Parent Signature

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Child's Full Name (please also provide phonetic pronunciation of name)

Child's DOB

NOTE:

Please provide a picture of the baby to have on the screen while being introduced. Photo may be submitted digitally via email to info@destinychristian.com, or printed photo with this form.