

**Raising them Right [Rated:PG parental guidance required]  
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**Maintaining Influence While Releasing Control**

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Deuteronomy 11:1-7; 18-23; Ephesians 6:1-4

*Memory verse:*

*Ephesians 6:4 (NKJ) And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.*

*Ephesians 6:4 (NIV) Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.*

[Rated PG] That means to raise them right parental guidance is required not just suggested.

Face the Facts:

- Your kids lack **experience** – Deuteronomy 11:1-2
- Your kids learn by your **example** – Deuteronomy 11:18-19
- Your kids long for your **involvement**. Deuteronomy 11:19-21

Why is this so important?

- 1) When it matters the most the **quality** of the relationship with your children will determine the **weight** of your influence in your son/daughter's life.
- 2) The relationship you have with your child is what **sets them up** for all future relationships. An investment in the relationship with your child now is like an investment in **all of his/her** future relationships.

What to do while there is time:

- Unconditional **acceptance**
- Uninterrupted **time**

What to do if you have blown it:

- **Pray** – no one is beyond the reach of God's power
- **Serve** – it is difficult to continually reject humble service
- **Love** – unconditional love is hard to ignore