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Meet Our New Grandson!

It never ceases to amaze me how we advance in technology! This little boy will not officially be here for a while but it is so great to see his little face. His name is Jimmy Roy Miller, which honors his uncle and his great-grandpa. His mommy, Alisha, says that he is often found resting his head on his hand as he is doing in this picture. This will be David and Alisha's first little one and will be our tenth grandbaby! Please pray for his safe arrival and I will be sure to give you an update in the next paper.

~T. Miller

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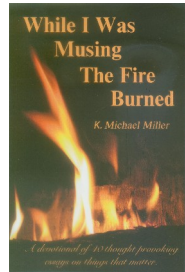


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If you neglect to instruct (your children) in the way of holiness, will the devil neglect to instruct them in the way of wickedness? No; if you will not teach them to pray, he will to curse, swear, and lie; if ground be uncultivated, weeds will spring.

John Flavel

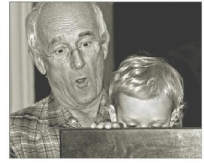
Parents who want a child to live wisely must train him according to the wisdom of God. Pray for him. Do not indulge him by allowing him to rule the family; instead, rule him with firm and consistent love. Be in travail to see Christ formed in his soul.

Author Unknown

*It is easier
to build strong children
than to repair
broken men.*



Children seldom misquote. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said. ~Author Unknown



Frederick Douglass



We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today.

~Stacia Tauscher



There's nothing that can help you understand your beliefs more than trying to explain them to an inquisitive child.

~Frank A. Clark



A characteristic of the normal child is he doesn't act that way very often. ~Author Unknown



*While we try to teach our children all about life, Our children teach us what life is all about.
~Angela Schwindt*

*A child seldom needs a good talking to as a good listening to. If we would listen to our kids, we'd discover that they are largely self-explanatory.
~Robert Brault*



Bible Reading

“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.” Joshua 1:8

Reading your Bible every day is a very important habit that everyone should make. It should not be something that you rush through or take lightly. Reading God’s Word every day will give you encouragement for your day as well as help you to understand about God and His great ways. If there are things that you do not understand as you read, make a note of them and ask your leader, your pastor or your parents. Reading and understanding God’s Word will be a great blessing to you. (Note: You may read more than the required verses on any day if you want, but only count the number required for that day.)

Badge Requirements:

- First Year – Read 10 different verses every day for 2 months.
- Second Year – Read 20 different verses every day for 3 months.
- Third Year – Read 25 different verses every day for 4 months.
- Fourth year – Read 30 different verses every day for 6 months.

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Week Six							
Week Seven							
Week Eight							

For Years 2,3, and 4, make a similar chart on a separate sheet of paper. Be sure to have your parent or guardian sign the paper to assure that you have read your required verses.

The more you read the Bible, and the more you meditate on it, the more you will be astonished with it.

C.H. Spurgeon

(As in *Bible Memory*, you may do this on your own or send in for a badge upon completion. Send a verification of verses read with parental signature and name of person completing requirements. Include \$5 for first badge and \$3 each for any additional badges being sent to the same address at that time. God bless your efforts!)

Train Up a Child

(Learning some Biblical principles for raising children right and loving it!)

*“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old,
he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6*

*“He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children.
Praise ye the LORD.” Psalm 113:9*

You marry a wonderful young man and you are both very excited about raising a family “in the nurture and admonition of the Lord”. You wait nine long months in which time you read and plan together just how you want to manage this new little human that you are bringing into the world. After going through labor and a delivery you will not soon forget, you hold in your arms one of God’s most amazing miracles: your child. As you look into those eyes that are seeing for the first time, the impact of what you hold in your hands washes over you in a chilling tide, “I am responsible for the training and teaching of a new soul!” What an awesome responsibility our God places in the hands of such inexperienced people! It has never ceased to amaze me.

The problem that most young people find is that raising children is not always as pleasant and easy as they had imagined it would be. Babies demand a great amount of attention and care. All too often we get caught up with their physical needs and forget that even this little bit of humanity needs teaching and training, also. To be impatient is cruel and useless, but because young parents do not have any idea how to manage this new situation, misunderstanding can be very frustrating. I cannot give you a definite “fix” for all the troubles you may face but here are a few things that are important to remember.

Every person that comes into this world has a will of their own, even from the time they are born. That will is usually satisfied to the maximum when they are babies because we reason that they do not understand yet so they should not be expected to obey. When tiny babies, they can be put on a schedule of feeding and care which will help the child learn that he need not fuss or cry to be fed or changed, for it will happen when he needs it. But do remember that babies needs are different, so you need to adapt the schedule to the child and not just rigidly use something from someone's book. Some babies just need more to satisfy their appetite than others, and some need a little extra cuddling and attention. However, unless you want to sit all day holding the little darling you will need to not give in to his every whimper. If he needs more milk to be satisfied, increase the amount enough so that he does not feel frantic and can rest better. It is not a matter of strong-arming them into submission but lovingly guiding and training obedience at the earliest age.

Training a child requires effort. You cannot just let a child grow up, punish him for the things he does wrong and expect him to develop into a good child that you can

love and be proud of. Sadly, our country is raising generations of children who are disciplined by drugs and electronic entertainment. Parents have no time or patience to train their children and they end up with disorders and attitudes that can only be dealt with by force. This is contrary to what they say they desire for their children, "I just do not think you should force a child to do this or that. It will hinder his creativity." The only thing children from such parents create is havoc for them and everyone else around them. *"The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame."*(Proverbs 29:15)

Undisciplined parents raise undisciplined children. The emphasis of every devotion that I write is that you *must* lay a firm and true foundation before you can have success in any endeavor. No one raises a rebellious child intentionally, but no matter how much you train, if you are not giving the example of a disciplined life yourself, you will fail. If you have a complaining, lazy attitude toward authority, so will your child. If you shirk duties and disregard responsibilities, so will your child. If you have bad habits of speech or conduct, so will your child. Now is the time to look into your own soul, heart and mind and, like David, ask God to show you *"any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."* (Ps.139:24)

Training is not spanking. Most people take more time and effort to train a dog, horse, or other animal than they ever would their children. "Training is the conditioning of the child's mind *before* the crisis arises."*(P4) A child who is trained well knows his boundaries and will be more satisfied and happy, which in turn makes the parents content with the child.

When my three older children were small, my husband had to take a night shift job and therefore had to sleep during the morning hours. To keep the house quiet for him, I would generally plan my shopping trip during that time. With all three young children, it was quite a chore at first. They would beg for things, fuss when I said "No", pick things up within reach and be a general distraction to me. One day, I tried a bit of advice from a friend. As I parked in the grocery store parking lot, I faced all three and quietly but firmly told them how I expected them to act (no touching, no asking, and no crying), and if there were any problems I would have to spank them for their misbehavior. My success was wonderful! When we arrived home, there were many hugs and kisses instead of frustrated mother and children. So every time for a while, I would simply face them, tell them how things were and they knew what I expected of them. Were they always good? No. There were times we had to punish bad behavior but the times were few. I did not reward their good behavior for that should be expected. We did buy a treat occasionally for the family which was fun for everyone, but I never told them it was for being good. If you train them to expect a reward for doing what is expected of them they will learn quickly to blackmail you with it. Besides, real life does not work that way and so you are not preparing them properly for life.

As I said before, training is not spanking, but there will be times that there is no other recourse. But applying this concept in the right way is highly important. In our society today, parents must be exceptionally careful to discipline in the right

manner according to the Word of God. The Bible clearly states that, “*the rod of his anger shall fail.*” (Prov.22:8) You never vent your frustration, embarrassment, or anger on your child through spanking him. That is not only wrong but highly selfish behavior and wicked. Do not use the rod to show your authority to the world around you. The idea is to train them at home, spanking only when necessary and in the right way, with a rod and not with your hand. (*Bro. Pearl covers ‘the rod’ in chapters 5-7.) A disciplined parent who trains his child will have little trouble with them when out in public.

Patience is a big factor in raising children, especially when it comes to speaking to them. Yelling at your children will train them to obey orders only when you raise your voice. It is not only frustrating to the parent but also hurtful to the child. Mommy was ranting at her little daughter one day when the child looked at her with tears in her eyes and said, “Mommy, please do not yell at me. It hurts my heart.” Children are people, too, with feelings and needs. A child who is constantly griped and yelled at will become angry with everyone (including himself) because he cannot please anyone with anything he does. Children who have greater needs for love and acceptance will become rebellious and sometimes seek comfort in fornication and drugs. Take a close look at yourself from time to time and listen to yourself as you interact with your children. Practice speaking in a calm, quiet tone that will keep a more peaceful atmosphere in your home and with your children. Handle altercations quietly and determinably without losing your temper.

Consistency is an absolute necessity. Teach your child to obey with the first command or they will expect to be told again (or many times) before they have to obey. My little granddaughter was put to bed and told she had one chance to go to sleep without any fussing. When Mommy asked her, “Now how many chances do you have?” she smiled and responded, “Two chances!” You must realize that what you put into your child is what you are going to get out of them. If you want them to obey the first time, do not let them have chance after chance. Do not count! “Johnny, you come here right now! Johnny, do you hear me? One, two, three...” and Johnny just stands looking at Mommy until she gets to about four before he knows it is time to move. I know a true story of a little girl who was hit by a car when she ran away from her counting mother. If you love your children, teach them to obey *the first time*. When you say, “No”, do not change your mind after the child has whined and cried and begged you into it. Do not make outlandish statements like, “If you do that again you will be grounded until you are 35!” Be honest, be reasonable, and above all be consistent!

These are only highlights of all that you could and should know about raising children. Read and study good books written by those who have proven successes. I highly recommend the book, “To Train Up a Child”, by Michael and Debi Pearl, who have not only raised good children but are helping others do the same. It will be a great blessing and help to you and the children that God blesses you with.

*Indicates quotes taken from, “To Train Up A Child”, written by Michael and Debi Pearl, No Greater Joy Ministries, 1000 Pearl Road, Pleasantville, TN, 37033. www.nogreaterjoy.org.

Here are some more questions for your notebooks. Remember that you can always ask someone for some advice on some of these questions. Asking your parents, grandparents, pastor, or other trusted adult for their opinion helps you to understand these issues from different standpoints. Be sure to seek godly counsel.

1. “Your home is a moral workshop where you help God prepare your child for heavenly citizenship.” (*P53) What are some of the ways that will help your child understand about God?
2. How can you be a parent to your child and still be his/her best friend?
3. “YOU MUST BE what you want your child to be—in attitude as well as actions.” (*P85) This being the case and your child is going to be like you, are you satisfied with what you will be teaching your child through your lifestyle? If not, what can you change now that will benefit your children in the future?
4. It is hard to teach your children to trust other people these days but there is a danger in teaching them not to have respect for others. What harm can come from teaching your children that they do not have to obey anyone but their parents?
5. A peaceful home makes a happy home. Organization helps to bring peace where chaos has made frustration. Are you an organized person? Do you have a schedule for getting things done? If not, what are some of the ways that you can teach yourself to be organized in your home now that will benefit you when you marry and have children?
6. As you read your Bible and listen to your pastor, watch for verses on raising children and passages speaking about children with their parents in God’s Word and list them here. (Example 1: Ruth was a Moabite, but she learned to love God from her mother-in-law, Naomi. She assumed the role of daughter and cared for her mother-in-law even after her re-marriage to Boaz. Example2: Jesus, at twelve years of age was confident enough in his parents to think that they would know where he was when they unknowingly left him in the temple in Jerusalem. [Luke 2:49] Being an obedient son, he was in subjection to them. [Luke 2:52])

“If the joy of the Lord is the Christian’s strength, is not the joy of the parent the child’s strength?” ~Michael Pearl

Training In Session

Years ago when my second daughter was small, we had a rough time in teaching her to obey. Nita had a will that would not give up easily. I recall one particular incident happening when she was about three years of age. My wife had baked a chocolate cake for dinner and, after frosting it, placed it on the dining room table. Now, Nita loved chocolate cake. There was no doubt in my mind that she would be tempted to take a taste of that cake. I stood her up in the chair and showed it to her.

“Now, Nita, Mommy made this cake for dinner. You are not to touch this cake. Do you understand?” With her big eyes looking into mine with perfect confidence, she nodded her head that she did. So, I walked into the living room and sat down to read the newspaper for a while as I sent her on to play.

A few minutes later, in walks Nita with chocolate icing on her hands and around her mouth. “Nita,” I asked, “have you been into the cake that Daddy told you not to touch?” She looked straight at me, slowly shook her head and said, “Noooo.” All right, now we have lying to deal with, too. I picked her up, took her to the bathroom, cleaned her up and spanked her bottom. We went back in the kitchen where I smoothed up the mess she made on the side of the cake and I told her again not to touch it. Again I sat down with my paper.

A few minutes later, in walks Nita with chocolate icing on her hands and around her mouth. “Nita,” I asked, “did you get into the cake again that Daddy told you not to touch?” Again, she looked straight at me, slowly shook her head and said, “Noooo.” So, off we go again to the bathroom, cleaned her up and spanked her bottom. We went back in the kitchen where I smoothed up the mess she made on the side and I told her again not to touch the cake. Again I sat down with my paper.

Now at this point, most of you would shout, “Why, you bully! Why didn’t you just put the cake up where she couldn’t reach it?” To which I would reply, “Because I was raising kids!” All you teach a child when you keep putting things higher is how to deduce a better way of getting at the desired object. We are to train them to obey, remember?

Well, it took a little longer this time, but eventually Nita came through the doorway with icing on her fingers and around her mouth. I put down the paper, pulled her over to me and with tears in my eyes, I said, “Nita, honey, have you been in the cake again?” With a sad look in her eyes and a little quiver in her lip, she said in a soft, little voice, “Yes.” Oh, glory to God, I believe we are making progress!

So, I cleaned her up, spanked her bottom again, and she turned and threw her little arms around my neck. “Nita,” I said as I held her close, “Daddy loves you so much. You’re my little girl. I don’t like to spank you like this. But you must obey what Daddy says.” She looked at me with her teary face and a little smile shown through. “Okay, Daddy,” she said, and hugged me again. From that time on, we never had too many times that Nita did not obey what she was told. The battle was won, the line was drawn and she was satisfied.

Children need to know where the line has been drawn, and if we ever expect them to obey the laws of life written in the word of God, they must learn to obey. The job is ours and we are responsible. Peace is won by perseverance. Perseverance comes from love.

(Taken from a sermon by Larry Stark, Arnold Tabernacle Baptist, Arnold, Missouri, about 1985)

Cooking

“And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth.”

Genesis 18:6

Mealtime is always a special time for a family. The special way you set your table, prepare your menu and present the food you prepare lets everyone know that they are important to you. Well thought out menus can be attractive as well as nourishing to your family. Know your four food groups and enjoy the bounty God has provided for us to enjoy.

Badge Requirements:

1. Prepare two breakfasts. These should include something made from a recipe, such as pancakes, muffins, biscuits, coffee cake, etc. Serve with eggs or breakfast meat and drink. Set table properly and clean up afterward.



2. Prepare two lunches and two dinners. Depending on the normal habits of your family, which meal is simpler and which is more extensive, is up to you. The lesser meals could consist of sandwiches, fresh fruit or vegetable, and a light homemade dessert. Your setting for this meal may be more casual, depending on what you are serving. Your larger meal should consist of yeast bread (rolls, loaf bread, pizza crust, etc.), salad of any sort, a main dish (meat, pasta dish or casserole), cooked vegetable, homemade dessert and drink. Both meals must include preparation of meal and table, cleanup and, for the larger meal, some sort of nice centerpiece for the table. The meals do not have to be made on the same days.



Note: For this badge, you must plan your meals ahead of time and have

all ingredients purchased. You may confer with your parent to make sure of what you will need for your main course. Avoid ready-made foods as much as possible, as making things homemade is so much better and is good practice. You may have help in cleanup, but you must wash dishes. Dish washers may be used. All counters and tables must be clean and neatly arranged, stove must be cleaned and all towels and potholders taken care of. Do not forget to sweep the floor when you are finished to get up all the crumbs and spills.

Below is an example of how to properly set your dining table. The napkin can also be placed on the left of the forks or under them.



(To complete for badges, have a parent or guardian sign a paper listing the meals you have prepared and how you accomplished your other requirements. The same charges apply to all badges. God's blessings!)

Counted Cross Stitch

“She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.”

Proverbs 31:24

Cross-stitch is one of the oldest forms of embroidery and can be found all over the world. Many folk museums show examples of clothing decorated with cross-stitch, especially from continental Europe and Asia. Traditionally, cross-stitch was used to embellish items like dishcloths, household linens, and doilies. It is now increasingly popular to simply embroider pieces of fabric and hang them on the wall for decoration.

Badge Requirements:

Purchased kits sometimes provide thread and needle sufficient for the project. Purchase all supplies needed for the project that you have chosen and complete. Choose a simple design for your first project. Be very careful to follow all instructions given by your leader and also from your kit. Follow the instructions below when project is complete. Bring to meeting and show your leader.

Facts to know:

1. Prepare the fabric by running a thin line of glue along the edge to keep the fabric from fraying. You may whip stitch the edges if you prefer not to glue them.
2. Use only two strands of floss eighteen inches long at a time.
3. *Finishing:* If embroidery is soiled, it should be washed. If it has been necessary to pick out any stitches, some faint fuzz may cling to the fabric. Remove this by rubbing it lightly with cellophane tape. Fill a small basin with lukewarm water, soap (not detergent) or a cold-water wool wash, and wash gently. Do not wring. Rinse under running water or in several rinse waters. Place dripping-wet work on a clean towel, smooth it out, and roll it up in the towel. Gently squeeze it to remove excess water. Place embroidery on a padded ironing board face down (this gives a raised appearance to the stitches) and iron on the wrong side. Never leave damp embroidery rolled up. Iron piece until it is completely dry.

Take your needle, my child, and work at your pattern; it will come out a rose by and by. Life is like that - one stitch at a time taken patiently and the pattern will come out all right like the embroidery.

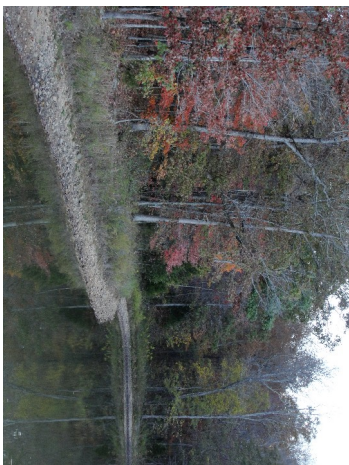
~Oliver Wendell Holmes

(For badge requirements, complete a project and have an adult inspect it according to the list above. The project must be clean and neat. Send me a card with the girl's name, a description of the project they have completed and the adult's signature.

Badge charges are the same. May God bless your efforts!)

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By the pond on the hill.