



VALUES?

"Family Values—Child Raising" Proverbs 22:6

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President Johnson, speaking at Howard University in 1965, said: "The family is a cornerstones of our society. More than any other force, it shapes the attitudes, the hopes, the ambitions, and the values of the child. When the family collapses it is the children that are usually damaged. When it happens on a massive scale the community itself is crippled."

I. The Purpose of Values for the Child.

- A. Training in the way they should go. 22:6
- B. Developing perceptive workable plans. 1:4b
- C. Adorning the life with gracious behavior. 1:8-9
- D. Discovering spiritual reality. 2:1-5
- E. Avoiding destructive activities. 6:20-25

II. The Presentation of Values to the Child.

- A. Character.
 - 1. Parents who fear the Lord and secure children. 14:26
 - 2. Parents who are consistent and blessed children. 20:7
 - 3. Parents who are committed and grateful children. 31:28
- B. Harmony.
 - 1. The trauma of turmoil. 15:16-17
 - 2. The blessings of tranquility. 17:1
 - 3. The trouble with tantrums. 21:9, 19
- C. Instruction.
 - 1. Instruction that is heeded pays off. 16:20
 - 2. Instruction that is presented pleasantly is heeded. 16:21
- D. Love.
 - 1. Love and faithfulness to the Lord. 16:6
 - 2. Love and faithfulness in the family. 3:3; 17:9
- E. Discipline.
 - 1. The Lord's loving discipline must not be despised. 3:11-12
 - 2. The parents' loving discipline must not be neglected. 13:24; 22:15; 29:17

III. The Penetration of Values in the Child.

- A. Some embrace them. 22:6; 23:22-25
- B. Some reject them. 19:26; 20:20; 30:17
- C. Parents are responsible to teach, children to learn!

Points to Ponder: We are not called to be perfect parents—just faithful!