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Answer Key

- I. What Commands has God Given to Parents Regarding Raising Children?
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 - B. Ephesians 6:4. "bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."
 - C. Deuteronomy 6:6-7. "These commandments ... Impress them on your children.
 - D. God has given parents the responsibility to train their children.
 - E. This is **not** optional. It is commanded by God. This means you.
- II. Why do children need training?
- A. Children come into this world with sinful hearts. Psalm 51:5, Jeremiah 17:9.
 - B. This sinful heart (sinful nature) is not passive. It is active.
 - 1. It shows itself in the way that children think. Mark 7:20-23
 - 2. It shows itself in the way that children talk. Matthew 12:33-35
 - 3. It shows itself in the way that children behave. Galatians 5:19-20
 - C. It results in them having a desire to do what is wrong, rather than what is right.
 - D. They can't be left to go their own way. Proverbs 16:25
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- III. What am I to train them in?
- A. Parents are personally responsible for the moral training of their children.
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 - B. The state, the schools and the church are not responsible for this training.
 - C. Be goal-oriented. Make a list of what you need to teach them and start working on it.
Salvation, doctrine, finances, personal relationships, modesty, ...

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B. Training as you go through life. Deuteronomy 6:6-7

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V. What results am I looking for?

A. The goal is a changed heart. (Not keeping a list of rules!!) Deuteronomy 6:6-7

B. This is most often seen in attitude.

C. Training children is not simply giving them a list of rules and then enforcing them.

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(Example of lying. Leviticus 5:1)

E. Examples. Spilled milk. Tripping.

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VI. To accomplish this task God has made you an authority.

A. God always gives authority to carry out responsibility.

1. Parents & children. Ephesians 6:1-3.
2. Human government & citizens. Romans 13:1-7.
3. Elders & laity. Hebrews 13:17.

B. God gave you authority to accomplish His purposes (train your children). Not your own.

C. God has made you an authority. Act like it.

1. You set the example and submit to the authorities God has put over you.
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