

Duties of Parents—By J.C. Ryle (1816-1900)

- *"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."*
Proverbs 22:6
 - "Our hearts are like the earth on which we tread; let it alone, and it is sure to bear weeds." J.C. Ryle
1. Firstly, then, if you would train your children rightly, train them up in the way they SHOULD go, not in the way that they WOULD go.
 2. Train up your child with all tenderness, affection, and patience.
 3. Train your child with an abiding persuasion on your mind that much depends upon you.
 4. Train with this thought continually before your eyes – that the soul of your child is the first thing to be considered.
 5. Train your child to a knowledge of the Bible.
 6. Train them to a habit of prayer.
 7. Train them to habits of diligence, and regularity about public means of grace.
 8. Train them to a habit of faith.
 9. Train them to a habit of obedience.
 10. Train them to a habit of always speaking the truth.
 11. Train them to a habit of always redeeming the time.
 12. Train them with a constant fear of over indulgence.
 13. Train them remembering continually how God trains His children.
 14. Train them remembering continually the influence of your own example.
 15. Train them remembering continually the power of sin.
 16. Train them remembering continually the promises of scripture.
 17. Train them, lastly, with continual prayer for a blessing on all you do.