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adjective\ri- spän(t)-sə-bal\n
: having the job or duty of dealing with or taking care of something or someone
: able to be trusted to do what is right or to do the things that are expected or required
: involving important duties, decisions, etc., that you are trusted to do

What am I doing as ________________ parent to help or hinder him/her from growing up to be a responsible adult one-day?

Proverbs 16:1-6 (AMP)

The plans of the mind and orderly thinking belong to man, but from the Lord comes the [wise] answer of the tongue. 2 All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirits (the thoughts and intents of the heart). 3 Roll your works upon the Lord [commit and trust them wholly to Him; He will cause your thoughts to become agreeable to His will, and] so shall your plans be established and succeed. 4 The Lord has made everything [to accommodate itself and contribute] to its own end and His own purpose—even the wicked [are fitted for their role] for the day of calamity and evil. 5 Everyone proud and arrogant in heart is disgusting, hateful, and exceedingly offensive to the Lord; be assured [I pledge it] they will not go unpunished. 6 By mercy and love, truth and fidelity [to God and man—not by sacrificial offerings], iniquity is purged out of the heart, and by the reverent, worshipful fear of the Lord men depart from and avoid evil.

Paraphrase of Proverbs 16:1-6

Moms are full of plans and suggestions for their children but when they need a [wise] answer for the dilemma at hand, it will come by depending on the Lord.

The ways of a mother toward her children are pure, and right in her own eyes, but the Lord is always weighing her spirit and wanting her to acknowledge what is there. He sees her anxious thoughts and the fearful intents of her heart about her family. He is aware of her pride and unhealthy need to control, as well as her hurts and brokenness. She is often on His mind.
So, moms, roll your longings about being a great mom, and all of your efforts to raise responsible kids onto the Lord. Commit and trust your kids and your parenting efforts wholly to Him and He will cause your thoughts to become agreeable to His will so that your plans can be established and succeed according to His heart.

Know that the Lord has made everything [to accommodate itself and contribute] to its own end and to His own purpose—even the hard places in family life and the difficult moments between parents and their kids.

But take heed! Raising a kid who is proud and arrogant of heart is disgusting, hateful, and exceedingly offensive to the Lord; be assured that your pride-full child will not go unpunished.

By mercy and love, truth and fidelity both [to God and your family—not by your sacrificial offerings or weekly visits to your church building], sin and its wrong motive will be purged out of your heart, and the heart of your child! And by the reverent, worshipful fear of the Lord boys and girls as well as moms and dads will depart from and avoid evil ways and words, hurtful habits and hang-ups. Therefore, trust God’s blueprint for your parent’s heart, and for knowing how to raise responsible kids. He will be faithful, to you, and to them.

**God’s Blueprint for Raising RESPONSIBLE KIDS:**

- RESPECT GOES BOTH WAYS.
- EXPECTATIONS REALLY DO MATTER.
- STUDY YOUR CHILD.
- PLAN TO SUCCEED.
- OTHERS, PLUS YOU, EQUALS A RESPONSIBLE KID.
- NEVER SAY TO DO WHAT YOU DON’T DO.
- SAY YES UNLESS YOU MUST SAY NO.
- INSPECT WHAT YOU EXPECT.
- BE A MOM OF INTEGRITY.
- LISTEN AS MUCH (or more than!) YOU TALK.
- EVERY DAY COUNTS; MORNING, NOON AND NIGHT.
RESPECT GOES BOTH WAYS.

Matthew 7:12  So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

EXPECTATIONS REALLY DO MATTER.

Colossians 3:17-25 (NIV) And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers (and mothers), do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged. Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

STUDY YOUR CHILD.

Proverbs 22:6 (AVB) Train up a child in the way he should go [and in keeping with his individual gift or bent], and when he is old he will not depart from it.

“Getting Along in a Family of Opposites.” (calvarysc.org – Women – Heart-to-Heart)
personalityinsights.com
PLAN TO SUCCEED.

*Proverbs 16:3 (NIV)* Commit to the *Lord* whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.

To be in authority: ____________________________________________

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To be authoritarian: ______________________________________________

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OTHERS, PLUS YOU, EQUALS A RESPONSIBLE KID.

*Philippians 2:1-4* Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

NEVER SAY TO DO WHAT YOU DON’T DO.

*Romans 12:9-10 (NASB)* Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor ...
SAY YES EXCEPT WHEN YOU MUST SAY NO.

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

“Anything the Bible doesn’t condemn is okay. Our children should be known more for the freedoms that we grant them than the restrictions we impose on them.” – Tony Evans, *Raising Kingdom Kids*

INSPECT WHAT YOU EXPECT.

1 Thessalonians 5:14 And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

BE A MOM OF INTEGRITY.

Proverbs 11:20 They who are willfully contrary in heart are extremely disgusting and shamefully vile in the eyes of the Lord, but such as are blameless and wholehearted in their ways are His delight.

“Whenever character takes a back seat to personal fulfillment or accomplishment, ethics change in a home. Morality changes. Everything changes.” – Andy Stanley
LISTEN AS MUCH (or more than!) YOU TALK.

James 1:19-20 My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

EVERY DAY COUNTS; MORNING, NOON AND NIGHT.

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you. Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.  

For Further Study

Raising Kingdom Kids (Giving Your Child a Living Faith), Tony Evans

From the bestselling author of Kingdom Man and Kingdom Woman, Raising Kingdom Kids equips parents to raise their children with a Kingdom perspective and also offers practical how-to advice on providing spiritual training as instructed in Scripture.

Dr. Tony Evans begins with an overarching look at the need for Kingdom parenting, our roles and responsibilities in raising God-following children, and how to prepare children to take on the assignments God has for their lives. He then takes a practical turn, with examples and illustrations to help parents understand and provide specific training for kids in the power of prayer, wisdom, loving God’s Word, getting through trials, controlling their tongues, developing patience, the surrender of service, and much more.

This book is for every dad or mom who wants to fulfill the parenting role God has given them—not just in raising healthy kids intellectually, physically, and socially, but in contributing to their child’s relationship with God and alignment under His plan.
**Smart Money, Smart Kids: Raising the Next Generation to Win with Money**, Rachel Cruze (Dave Ramsey’s daughter) and Dave Ramsey

Dave Ramsey and Rachel Cruze teach parents how to raise money-smart kids in a debt-filled world.

In *Smart Money Smart Kids*, financial expert and best-selling author Dave Ramsey and his daughter Rachel Cruze equip parents to teach their children how to win with money. Starting with the basics like working, spending, saving, and giving, and moving into more challenging issues like avoiding debt for life, paying cash for college, and battling discontentment, Dave and Rachel present a no-nonsense, common-sense approach for changing your family tree.

**The Ten Best Decisions Every Parent Can Make**, Bill and Pam Farrel

Popular authors Bill and Pam Farrel are the parents of three active children. From their personal experience comes wisdom and encouragement for other parents. The Farrels offer ideas for loving and nurturing special needs, strong-willed, and prodigal children. With real-life examples and biblical inspiration, this book examines the 10 best decisions parents can make to unlock the unique gifts inside their children, including temperament, goals, talents, spiritual development, and leadership abilities. Packed with creative, motivational tools and games that allow children to blossom and succeed, this resource is a great gift or parenting tool for parents who want their children to become everything God designed them to be.

**Every Child Can Succeed; Making the Most of Your Child’s Learning Style**, Cynthia Ulrich Tobias

Just as there are many roads that lead to success, there are many methods of teaching children the lessons of life. *Every Child Can Succeed* shows parents, grandparents, teachers and others how to utilize an innovative “learning styles” approach to help their kids live up to their potential.

**Homegrown Heroes; Practical Principles for Raising Courageous Kids**, Dr. Tim Kimmel

How will you teach your children courage? They need it. You sense that already. The choices your kids face are much tougher than the ones you wrestled with—the evil more flagrant, society more corrupt, the pressure to conform more intense. At the outside, you have about fifteen years to prepare them, maybe less. They’ll need courage or frankly, they may not make it. Without a plan, you won’t either. Through inspiring stories, practical teaching and hefty doses of common sense, veteran family advocate Tim Kimmel charts a course your family can follow. No, it won’t happen the same way in every home. But your investment in preparation will pay off when the heat’s on. It’s the most strategic investment you may ever make.