“The Duties of Parents”
(Proverbs 22:6)
(J.C. Ryle with minor adaptions)
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1. If you would train your children rightly, train them in the way they should go, not in the way they would [go.]

2. Train your child with all tenderness, affection, and patience.

3. Train your children 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 in the habit of obedience.

8. Train them remembering continually how God trains His children.

9. Train them remembering continually the influence of your own example.

10. Train them remembering continually the power of sin.

For Further Study

"A Theology of the Family" Scott Brown

"The Duties of Parents" J.C. Ryle

"Parenting by God's Promises: How to Raise Children in the Covenant of Grace" Joel Beeke

Biblical Counseling Coalition website: https://www.biblicalcounselingcoalition.org/doubt/