

## Article 04 – For Parents

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### Discipling Your Children: Instilling Biblical Values in the Home

The world is discipling your children, even when you're not.

Through entertainment, culture, peer pressure, and social media, messages about identity, purpose, and truth are being whispered (and shouted) into their hearts. As parents, we cannot afford to be passive. **God has given us the sacred calling to be the first and most lasting spiritual influence in our children's lives.**

Discipleship isn't a church program. It's not once-a-week Bible study. It's the **daily rhythm** of life lived intentionally, where faith is not just taught, it's **caught**.

In Deuteronomy 6:6–7, God speaks directly to this:

*“These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home, when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”*

Biblical values are passed down in everyday moments, at the dinner table, during a car ride, before bedtime. They're formed when your child watches you forgive someone, hears you pray through a challenge, or sees you speak with integrity even when no one's watching.

### **Discipleship Begins at Home**

The home is your child's first church. You are their first pastor. Your words and your example are their first sermons.

When they hear you speak Scripture naturally, When they see you apologize with humility, When they feel your correction done in love, not anger... They begin to understand the heart of God.

Discipleship is not about creating a perfect home, it's about cultivating a faithful one. A place where the presence of God is welcome. A place where children are taught not only how to behave, but how to **believe**.

## Instilling Biblical Values Practically

1. **Start with the Word.** Read the Bible together, even if just a few verses a day. Let it be as normal as brushing teeth.
2. **Apply Scripture in everyday life.** When a sibling fight breaks out, bring in Matthew 5:9 (*"Blessed are the peacemakers"*). When someone is struggling, share Galatians 6:2 (*"Carry each other's burdens"*).
3. **Create a family culture of grace.** Let your children see that failure is not the end but an invitation to experience God's forgiveness and start again.
4. **Celebrate character over achievement.** Praise honesty, kindness, patience, not just good grades or talent.
5. **Model the life you teach.** Hypocrisy hardens hearts. But consistency softens them toward truth.

### Don't Wait!!! Start Now!!!

You don't need to be a Bible scholar. You don't need all the answers. What your children need most is **you, engaged, intentional, and dependent on the Holy Spirit.**

Even if you didn't grow up with this kind of legacy, you can start one today. Even if your kids are older, it's not too late. God will multiply every seed of truth you plant with love.

Discipling your children is not about control, it's about **invitation**: inviting them into a life with Jesus. A life of truth, hope, and purpose that this world cannot offer.

One day, your child will face decisions when you're not there. But if they've been disciplined well, the truth **will be.**

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