

## **CHRISCO THIKA-THE JOYFUL ASSEMBLY**

### **MAIN SERVICE**

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**THEME: Dedication of Children**

**Scripture: Matthew 19:14-15**

#### **Introduction**

Every one of us comes from a family, and many of us are actively raising children. In Chrisko Fellowship, children are dedicated to the Lord, while baptism is reserved for them to choose when they are of age and have made a personal decision to follow Christ.

Matthew 19:14-15:

Jesus welcomes children, emphasizing their importance in the kingdom of heaven. He lays hands on them to bless them.

#### **Responsibility of Parents**

According to Proverbs 22:6, parents are tasked with raising their children in the ways of the Lord. This involves bringing them to church, teaching them God's word, and being their spiritual guide.

**1. Train a Child:** Parents must diligently train their children in the word of God, but children also need to accept and follow the training.

If a child strays from God's ways, parents should not lose hope or feel guilty. Their responsibility is to plant the seed of faith; God will draw the child back at the right time.

**2. Pray for Your Children:** A parent's foremost responsibility is to cover their children in prayer, entrusting their lives and futures to God.

How to Bring Up Children in God's Ways (Deuteronomy 6:2-20)

The word of God should be central in every household. Just as God instructed the children of Israel, His word must be taught to our children,

instilled in their hearts, and made a part of their daily lives.

#### **Practical Steps for Parents**

**1. Diligently Teach the Word of God** (Deuteronomy 6:7-9)

Parents must first know and internalize God's word so they can teach it effectively.

Teaching methods includes; Regular discussion of the word of God with your children and display of scriptures prominently in your home as reminders and guides.

**2. Provide Spiritual Resources** (Deuteronomy 6:9)

Invest in materials that reflect God's word, such as Bible-themed books, clothing, or décor for your children. These help keep God's teachings in their minds.

**3. Answer Their Questions** (Deuteronomy 6:20)

As children grow, they will ask questions about life, faith, and God. It is a parent's duty to guide them with clear, biblical answers that nurture their understanding and faith.

**4. Share Personal Testimonies**

Tell your children about your journey of faith and how God has worked in your life. This helps them understand God's faithfulness and encourages them to trust Him with their own lives.

#### **Conclusion**

From today, make it a commitment to teach your children the ways of the Lord. Live out your faith as an example, pray consistently for their spiritual growth, and trust that God will use your efforts to lead them to a lasting relationship with Him.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

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