

Child Training — Warm, Tight Hands

Without your affection your child will never truly respect or acknowledge your authority. The first phase of child training is to bring your child under control in his spirit. The child knows that abba and imma are absolutely in control and there is no room for complaining, etc. This goes into the spirit of the child. It is established in the first four years. You do this by establishing your authority with warm and tight hands. You cannot have control over your child without affection and warmth. He cannot truly give you control unless he knows that you love him. You never just let him lay somewhere and cry and cry and cry, but you tend to him. With warm, tight hands you bring your child under control.

Pr 6:20 talks about the commandments of your father and the teachings of your mother. First the commandments and then the teachings. When those commandments and teachings are bound around the heart of a child, the child will be able to walk by them.

This is what we put into our children when we discipline them. After we discipline them we talk to them and fill them up with something so they will have a lamp in their heart to guide them in how to walk. So the imma has to think of teachings, teaching the child certain things, like how to behave when he walks into a room, etc.

In order to teach your child, he has to be controlled. If you mess up on that, you have a five, six, or seven-year-old child who is out of control. Then we have to counsel so we can know what to do, because there IS a standard for our children.

If we don't have children who are under control then we have children who are out of control and then we have a social problem. If 50% of the citizens of Israel are out of control, then you have a big social problem. The word of God in Gen 18:19 says that He has chosen Abraham in order that he may command that his family follows after him, like him, in the way of YHWH. And everything spoken in the New Testament is spoken to the seed of Abraham. And everything our Father is commanding us, we have to command our children.

We've heard about grumbling and complaining. We don't tolerate grumbling in ourselves. In Gen 18:19, Abraham was chosen because he would command his children after him. He doesn't tolerate grumbling and complaining in himself and he brings his household after him in the same way. We don't complain and neither do our children. You stop EVERYTHING and talk and discipline until you have changed their attitude. (The seed of Abraham controls their attitude.)

So then they are clean. But it is not enough to just clean out the container — seven more will come back. You have to put something into them. Our children are like containers. If you put something in, it is received. But if you never put anything in, SOMETHING will come to fill it. When the container is clean, that's when you put something in. You express your heart to them, put the commandments into them. It says of the commandments, "Bind them around your neck..." You give them a command and make sure they understand it, and then discipline them for disobedience. You don't discipline them for everything they do as children.