

"Sally, if you don't eat your potatoes, you won't get any dessert!"

Sally winked at Hendricks. Sure enough, mother removed the potatoes and brought Sally some ice cream. He saw this as a case of parents obeying their children rather than "Children, obey your parents" (Ephesians 6:1).

Many parents are afraid to do what they know is best for their youngsters.



They're afraid their children will turn against them and think they don't love them. Hendricks says, "Your primary concern is not what they think of you now, but what they will think 20 years from now."

Even our loving heavenly Father's correction is painful, yet afterward (perhaps years later) "it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness in those who have been trained by it" (Hebrews 12:11). As loving parents, dare we have less long-term vision than our heavenly Father has? —JEY

*As parents we must have this goal:  
To teach our children self-control;  
For firm and loving discipline*

*Can keep them from the ways of sin. —D. De Haan*

**The surest way to make life hard for your children is to make it soft for them**



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## No Pain, No Gain

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

Christian author Howard Hendricks cautions parents not to bribe or threaten their children to get them to obey. What they need is firm, loving, and at times painful discipline.

Hendricks recalls being in a home where a bright-eyed grade-schooler sat across the table from him.

"Sally, eat your potatoes," said her mother in a proper parental tone.





# Our Home Circumstances

Proverbs 19:18  
Proverbs 22:6



We ask 2 questions of Proverbs 22:6:

## 1. What are the major influences of life that shape our children? Proverbs 22:6, 1:8-10, 14,

**(Ephesians 6:4)** "And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."

**(Genesis 18:17-19)** "And the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing, {18} "since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? {19} "For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.""

**(Deuteronomy 6:5-7)** ""You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. {6} "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. {7} "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."

**(Colossians 3:21)** "Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged."

Some of the other shaping influences in a child's life are:

◆ \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the child is born,

◆ Family \_\_\_\_\_,

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(James 4:1) "Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members?"

◆ Family \_\_\_\_\_,

◆ \_\_\_\_\_ to problems,

◆ The child's personal \_\_\_\_\_,

◆ \_\_\_\_\_,

◆ \_\_\_\_\_,

◆ Role models of \_\_\_\_\_?

◆ \_\_\_\_\_ making,

◆ And many others:



## 2. How should we parents respond to the influences that shape our children? Proverbs 22:6

◆ Those influences that we can \_\_\_\_\_,

◆ Those influences over which we have very little or no \_\_\_\_\_,

**(Psalms 103:19)** "The LORD has established His throne in heaven, And His kingdom rules over all."

**(Jeremiah 29:11)** "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."

**(Isaiah 26:3)** "You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You."

**(Romans 8:35)** "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?"

**(Romans 8:38-39)** "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, {39} nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."



**(Genesis 37:9)** "... the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me.""

**(Genesis 37:23-24)** "So it came to pass, when Joseph had come to his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the tunic of many colors that was on him. {24} Then they took him and cast him into a pit. And the pit was empty; ..."

**(Genesis 37:27)** ""Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, ..."

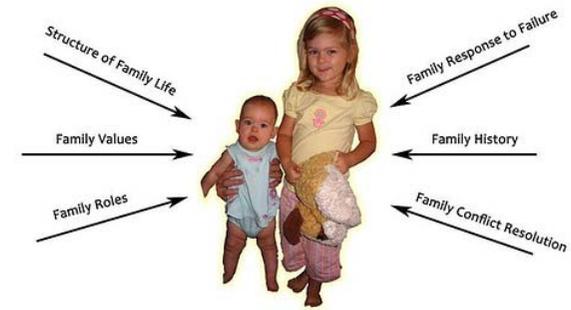
**(Genesis 39:1)** "Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. And Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the

guard, an Egyptian, bought him ..."

**(Genesis 39:20)** "Then Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, ...."

**(Genesis 40:23)** "Yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph, but forgot him."

**(Genesis 50:20)** ""But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive."



SHAPING INFLUENCES