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Divine Design Parents – Train without Exasperating Week 4 of 5

What I Would Do...

- **I would love my wife/husband more.** In the closeness of family life it is easy to take each other for granted and let a dullness creep in that can dampen even the deepest love. So, I would live the mother/father of my children more and be freer in letting them see that love.
- **I would develop feelings of belonging.** If children do not feel that they belong in the family, they will soon find their primary group elsewhere. I would use meal times more to share happenings of the day instead of hurrying through them.
- **I'd find more time for games or projects which all could join.**
- **I would laugh more with my children.** The best way to make children good is to make them happy. I see now that I was, many times, far too serious. I must always be careful that I do not communicate that being a parent is a constant problem.
- **I would be a better listener.** I believe that there is a vital link between listening to children's concerns when they are young and the extent to which they will share their concerns with their parents when they are older.
- **I would do more encouraging.** There is probably nothing that stimulates children to love life and seek accomplishment more than sincere praise when they have done well.



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This week's daily Bible reading surveys some of the many scriptures that shine light on the role of parents.

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- DAY TWO – Proverbs 13:24, 17:21, 19:18, 22:6, 22:15, 23:13, 29:15
- DAY THREE – Ephesians 6:4, Colossians 3:21
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- DAY FIVE – Luke 15:11-32

Memory Verse:

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