Taking Time For The Children
Psalms 127:3-5

I. Take Time To
Communicate

A. Parents Are To Raise Their Children

- Two methods must be used: Example

- Young children get "concrete examples" better than abstract principles

- Where better to let your light shine for Jesus than before your children *Matt.5:16*

- Do parents lecture their children on being faithful then show unfaithfulness?

- "Wow! They really believe this stuff."

A. Parents Are To Raise Their Children

- Two methods must be used: Verbal

- It takes time to teach verbally *Deut.6:7*

> 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" *Deut.6*

- The worse kind of debt isn't the national debt but the spiritual debt! *Jud.2:7, 10*

A. Parents Are To Raise Their Children

B. Communication Gap In Many Families

- Can we really talk with our children to find a good conclusion? *Jas.1:19-20*

- Before parents blame everyone else maybe they should look to themselves!

- Sometimes it's better to see a child angry than to see him discouraged *Col.3:21*

- Jesus' Golden Rule applies to children like it does to everyone else *Matt.7:12*

II. Spend Time To Recreate

A. "Come Aside And Rest"

- Jesus knew there are times when people need to recharge their battery *Mk.6:31-32*

> "Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, And let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth; Walk in the ways of your heart, And in the sight of your eyes" *Ecc.11:9a*

- Young people, God wants you to have good, clean fun *Prov.17:22*

"But know that for all these God will bring you into judgment" *Ecc.11:9b*

A. “Come Aside And Rest”

B. Recreation Positively Touches Children

- Great blessings come to those who train their children well *Psa.127:4-5*

**Ps 127:4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,
So are the children of one’s youth.**

A. “Come Aside And Rest”

B. Recreation Positively Touches Children

- Great blessings come to those who train their children well *Psa.127:4-5*

> 5 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate. *Psa.127*

- Fun time spent with children closes the communication gap or the love gap

- Convince them you have time for them!

III. Use Time To
Discipline

A. Fail To Spend Time Disciplining

- God will call into judgment those who had the primary duty of child rearing *I Sam.3:13*

- Often punishment for failing to train our children hurts us in this life *Prov.29:15*

> 15 The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But a child left to himself brings shame to his mother

- Are parents today using discipline as part of their child training? *Heb.12:11*

A. Fail To Spend Time Disciplining

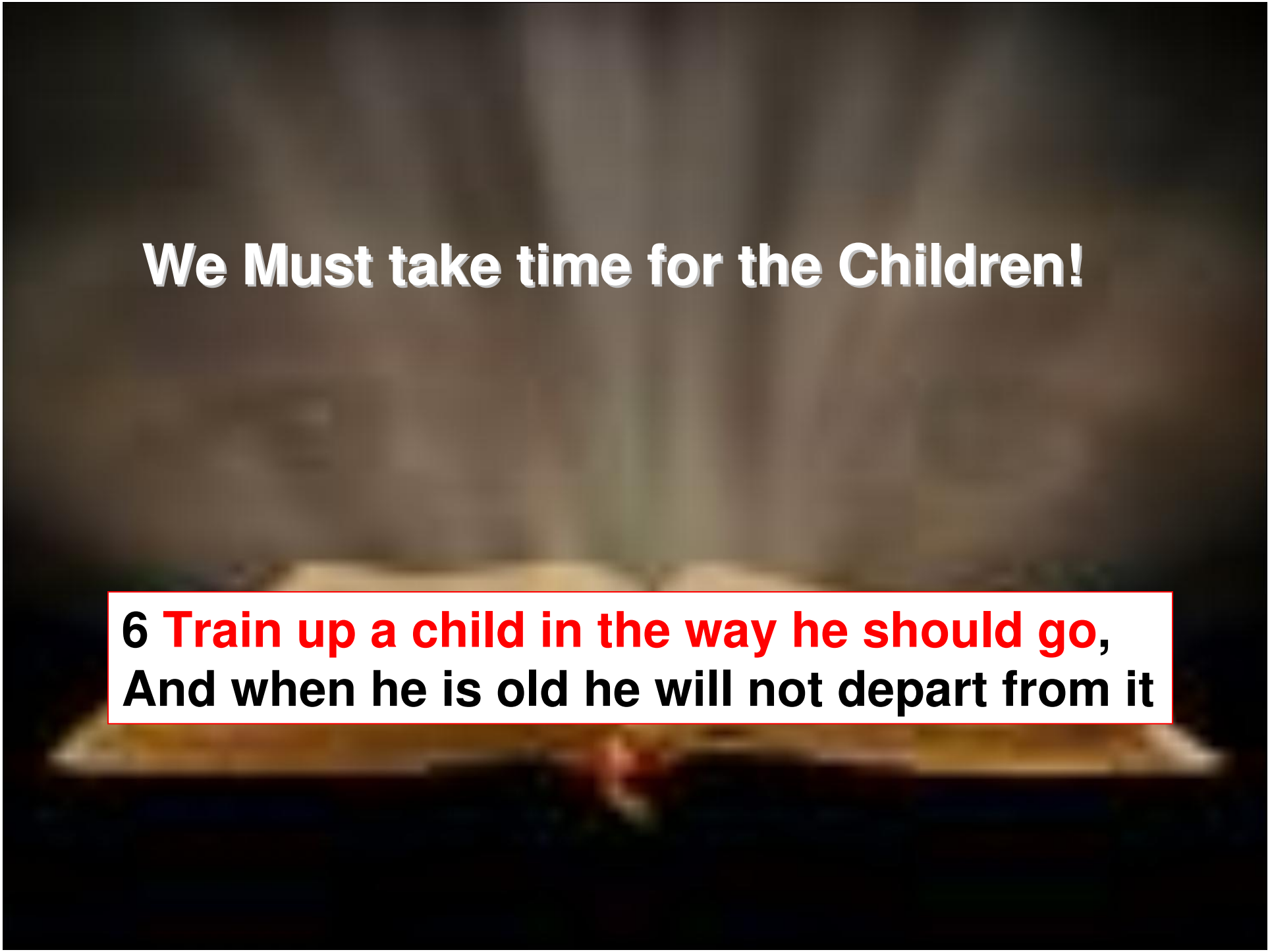
B. Remember The Purpose of Discipline

- Parents are to raise their children in the training and admonition of the Lord *Eph.6:4*

- "If we discipline our children they will not believe that we love them" *I Sam.2:22-29*

- Balance, consistency, and fairness builds a fine Godly person *Prov.22:6*

- This is God's way of parenting!


We Must take time for the Children!
6 Train up a child in the way he should go,
And when he is old he will not depart from it