

## **Scriptural Dos and Don'ts for Parents with ADD/ADHD Children**

### **Do Remember: God created your child and they are unique**

Col. 1:16 *“For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities all things have been created by Him and for Him.”*

Isaiah 64:8 *“But know O Lord, Thou are our Father, we are the clay, and Thou our potter; and all of us are the work of Thy hand.”*

### **Do Remember: No matter what the child's disability, that the Lord knows them**

Exodus 4:11 *“So the Lord said to him, “Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the Lord.”*

Romans 9:20-21 *“On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, “Why did you make me like this?” will it? Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use, and another for common use?”*

### **Do Remember: Children are a gift from God**

Psalms 127:3 *“Behold, children are a gift of the Lord; the fruit of the womb is a reward.”*

### **Do Remember: Seek wise counsel on all issues involving your children**

Isaiah 5:21 *“Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight.”*

Prov. 13:14 *“The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life turning a moan from the snare of death.”*

### **Do Remember: Forgive on a daily basis any wrong doings by the child, good meaning friends, teachers, and so on**

Isaiah 43:25 *“I, even, I am the one who wipes out your transgressions for my own sake; and I will not remember your sins.”*

I John 1:9 *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

Eph. 4:32 *“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”*

**Do Remember: To role model Christlike characteristics**

Matt. 5:16 *“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”*

Romans 12:2 *“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”*

Ephesians 2:10 *“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”*

**Do Remember: Look to God and His Holy Word for encouragement, hope, and assurance.**

Isaiah 41:10 *“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”*

Romans 15:4 *“For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.”*

Romans 12:10-13 *“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need.”*

2 Thess. 3:13 *“As for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right.”*

Gal. 6:9 *“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”*

**Do Remember: Remind yourself that you are responsible for teaching your children**

2 Tim. 3:16-17 *“All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”*

2 Tim. 4:2 *“Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage with great patience and careful instruction.”*

**Don't:                   Lose your temper with your children**

Proverbs 29:11    *“A fool give full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control.”*

I Cor. 14:33       *“For God is not a God of disorder but of peace . . .”*

Galatians 5:22    *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”*

Gal. 5:16-17      *“So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.*

Ephesians 6:4     *“Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.*

**Do:                       Remind your children about their responsibility to obey**

Ephesians 6: 1-2   *“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother” -- which is the first commandment with a promise -- “that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.*

Duet. 11:1         *“Love the Lord your God and keep his requirements, his decrees, his laws and his commands always.”*