

# SCRIPTURE TEXTS FOR CHILD TRAINING

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## ANGER

### James 1:19-20

...let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

Proverbs 14:29  
Proverbs 29:11  
Ephesians 4:26, 31-32  
1 Corinthians 13:4-5

## ARGUING

### Proverbs 13:1, 18

A wise son hears his father's instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke. ... Poverty and disgrace come to him who ignores instruction, but whoever heeds reproof is honored.

Proverbs 10:8  
Proverbs 15:1  
James 1:19-20  
Judges 3

## BAD COMPANY

### 1 Corinthians 15:33

Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals."

Proverbs 1:10-19; 2:10-19;  
9:6; 12:26; 13:20; 28:7  
Hebrews 12:15

## BITTERNESS

### Hebrews 12:14-15

Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled.

Proverbs 26:24-26  
Galatians 5:15  
Ephesians 4:31  
1 John 2:9-11

## BLAMESHIFTING

### Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

Genesis 3:12-13  
Exodus 32:21-24  
Proverbs 19:3  
Matthew 7:1-5  
James 1:13-15

# COMPLAINING

## Philippians 2:14

Do all things without grumbling or disputing.

Psalm 19:14  
1 Corinthians 10:10  
Ephesians 4:29  
Philippians 4:11-13

# COVETOUSNESS | GREED

## Luke 12:15

And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

Proverbs 15:16-17  
Proverbs 17:1  
Colossians 3:5  
1 Timothy 6:6

# DEFIANCE

## Proverbs 30:17

The eye that mocks a father and scorns to obey a mother will be picked out by the ravens of the valley and eaten by the vultures.

Deuteronomy 21:18-21  
1 Samuel 15:23  
Proverbs 15:32; 19:26;  
29:1

# DISOBEDIENCE

## Colossians 3:20

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

Exodus 20:12  
Proverbs 13:13  
Proverbs 30:17  
Ephesians 6:1-2

# DISORDERLINESS

## 1 Corinthians 14:40

But all things should be done decently and in order.

1 Corinthians 11:34  
1 Corinthians 15:23

# DISRESPECT

## Ephesians 6:2-3

“Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”

Exodus 20:12; 21:15  
Deuteronomy 27:16  
Proverbs 3:35; 20:20;  
30:17

# FEAR

## Psalm 56:3

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

Psalm 18:6-7  
Matt. 10:29-30  
2 Timothy 1:7  
1 Peter 3:6, 13-14  
1 John 4:18

# FOOLISHNESS

## Proverbs 22:15

Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him.

Psalm 107:17  
Proverbs 1:7; 10:1; 12:15-16; 14:3, 16; 15:5, 20; 17:10, 12; 18:2, 6-7; 19:29; 20:3; 22:15; 26:3; 26:11-12; 29:11

# FORGETFULNESS

## Hebrews 2:1

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.

Deuteronomy 4:9  
Proverbs 4:20-23  
2 Peter 1:12-15  
2 Peter 3:1

# FRIENDLESSNESS

## Proverbs 18:24

A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 12:26; 17:17  
John 15:13-15  
1 Corinthians 15:33  
James 2:23; 4:4

# GOSSIP

## 1 Peter 3:9-10

Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit;

Proverbs 11:13; 20:19; 26:20-22  
Titus 3:1-2  
James 3:8-10; 4:11

# GRIEF

## John 16:6

But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

Lamentations 3:31-33  
John 11:25  
Romans 12:15  
2 Corinthians 7:10-11  
Ephesians 4:30

# GUILT

## Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

Acts 24:16  
1 Corinthians 4:14  
Hebrews 10:22  
1 Peter 3:16  
1 John 1:9

# HYPOCRISY

## 1 John 1:6

If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

Matthew 6:1-18; 7:3-5  
1 Timothy 4:2  
1 Peter 2:1  
James 3:17; 4:8

# IDOLATRY

## 1 John 5:21

Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

Exodus 20:3  
1 Corinthians 10:7, 14

# IMPATIENCE

## 1 Corinthians 13:4, 7

Love is patient and kind... Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Hebrews 6:15; 10:36  
James 1:2-4  
1 Peter 1:13; 2:19-23

# IMPULSIVENESS | HASTINESS

## Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Proverbs 25:28; 29:11  
Titus 2:10-11  
1 Peter 1:13  
2 Peter 1:5-6

# INAPPROPRIATE SPEECH

## Ephesians 4:29

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Proverbs 10:31-32  
Matthew 12:34-37  
Colossians 3:17; 4:6  
1 Thessalonians 5:11  
James 3:2-8

# INATTENTIVENESS

## Proverbs 4:1

Hear, O sons, a father's instruction, and be attentive, that you may gain insight,

Proverbs 18:2, 13  
Hebrews 2:1  
James 1:19

# INSENSITIVITY (LACK OF COMPASSION)

## 1 John 3:17

But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

Isaiah 58:7-10  
Matthew 9:36; 14:14;  
15:32; 20:34  
1 Peter 3:8

# INTEMPERANCE (LACK OF SELF CONTROL)

## Proverbs 25:28

A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls.

Proverbs 29:11; 16:32  
1 Corinthians 9:25-27  
2 Peter 1:5-6

# INTERRUPTING

## Proverbs 18:2, 13

A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion... If one gives an answer before he hears, it is his folly and shame.

Ecclesiastes 3:7  
1 Corinthians 13:5  
Titus 2:6  
1 Peter 1:13

# JUDGING WRONGFULLY

## John 7:24

Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."

Isaiah 11:3-4  
Matthew 7:1-2  
Romans 14:3-4, 10-13  
1 Corinthians 4:3-5  
James 4:11-12

# JEALOUSY | ENVY

## 1 Corinthians 13:4

...love does not envy...

Proverbs 14:30; 23:17;  
27:4  
Romans 13:13  
Galatians 5:26  
1 Peter 2:1-2

# LONELINESS

## Lamentations 3:27-28

It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him;

Psalms 37:4; 38:11  
Lamentations 3:24-40  
John 16:32

# LOVE OF APPROVAL

## John 12:42-43

Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

Proverbs 29:25  
Matthew 23:5-7  
Galatians 1:10  
Colossians 3:22

# LOVE OF MONEY

## 1 Timothy 6:10

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

Matthew 6:24  
2 Timothy 3:1-5

# LOVE OF PLEASURE

## James 4:1

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?

Proverbs 21:17  
2 Timothy 3:4

# LOVE OF SELF

## Luke 9:23-24

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

Matthew 20:26-28  
1 Corinthians 10:24  
1 Corinthians 13:5

# LYING

## Proverbs 12:22

Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, but those who act faithfully are his delight.

Job 27:4  
Proverbs 6:16-19  
Ephesians 4:25  
1 Peter 3:10

# MASTURBATION

## Galatians 5:16-18

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Proverbs 5:18-20  
Matthew 5:27-28  
Colossians 3:5-6  
2 Timothy 2:22  
1 Thessalonians 4:3-4

# MISUSE OF THE BODY (OVER/UNDEREATING | UNCLEANNES)

## Galatians 5:16-18

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Romans 8:5-8; 13:14  
2 Corinthians 7:1  
1 Peter 2:11

# PRIDE

## 1 Peter 5:5-6

Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,

Proverbs 8:13  
Galatians 6:3-4  
James 4:6  
2 Timothy 2:24-26

# QUARRELING

## James 4:1

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?

Proverbs 13:10  
1 Corinthians 1:11-13  
Philippians 2:1-11  
1 Timothy 3:3

# REJECTION

## Romans 12:21

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Psalms 35  
Isaiah 53  
Romans 12:17-21  
Ephesians 4:31-32

# SLOTHFULNESS

## 1 Corinthians 10:31

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Proverbs 6:6-11; 14:23;  
19:15; 20:13; 26:13-16  
2 Thessalonians 3:10

# STEALING

## Ephesians 4:28

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

Exodus 20:15  
Matthew 15:17-20  
1 Peter 4:15

# SELFISHNESS

## Philippians 2:3-4

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Proverbs 11:24-25  
Romans 12:20-21  
Romans 15:1  
Galatians 5:13-15; 6:9  
1 Peter 4:9-11

# STINGINESS (NOT SHARING)

## Hebrews 13:16

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Proverbs 11:24-25; 22:9  
Luke 10:25-37  
Ephesians 4:28  
1 Timothy 6:18

# STUBBORNNESS (INSUBORDINATION)

## Ephesians 6:1

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

1 Samuel 15:23  
James 4:6

# TEASING

## Proverbs 26:18-19

Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death is the man who deceives his neighbor and says, "I am only joking!"

Proverbs 12:18  
Ephesians 4:29; 5:4

# UNGRATEFULNESS

## 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

2 Timothy 3:2  
Colossians 3:15, 17; 4:2  
Hebrews 13:5



# UNFAITHFULNESS (NOT BEING RELIABLE OR TRUSTWORTHY)

## Matthew 5:37

Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

Psalms 15:4-5  
Proverbs 6:1-5  
Matthew 21:28-32  
Colossians 3:9

# UNKINDNESS

## Colossians 4:6

Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Proverbs 19:22  
Luke 6:35  
1 Corinthians 13:4  
Ephesians 4:23, 29  
Colossians 3:12

# VINDICTIVENESS

## 1 Thessalonians 5:15

See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.

Proverbs 20:22  
Romans 12:14-21  
Ephesians 4:26  
Hebrews 12:15

# WITHDRAWING (CLAMMING UP)

## Ecclesiastes 3:7

[There is] a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.

1 Samuel 19:4-5; 25:24-42  
Esther 4:13-14; 7:4  
Job 32:4-22  
Proverbs 24:11-12; 31:8-9  
Acts 4:19-20

# WORRY

## Philippians 4:6-8

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Psalms 37:5  
Matthew 6:25, 34  
1 Peter 5:6-7