

# I Am Your Child

**Created in the image of God,**  
fearfully and wonderfully made,  
an heritage of the LORD.

I come with a manual from my Maker.

Please use it above all else,

for the wisdom of man cannot compare.

I deserve love, understanding, and much patience.

There will be times of joy and sorrow,

but in the end I hope there will be eternal rejoicing.

**Given into your hands for training.**

I need you to be my parent as God intended,  
not a “buddy” after the wisdom of the world:

God calls you mother, father, and parents.

God knows best.

In following God’s instructions,

you will be my best “friend” ever.

Remember: “Except the LORD build the house,  
they labour in vain that build it.”

**You are responsible to bring me up**

in the nurture and admonition of the LORD,  
provoking me not.

Instill in me the true values of life  
and help me to grow as my Lord and Savior did  
while He grew up in the world.

Speak of Him often

and help me to love His wondrous creation,  
but most of all, to love Him.

I am depending on you to train me  
and make me suitable for my heavenly home.



**Putting God first,**  
setting your affection on things above,

laying up treasures in heaven  
and teaching me to do the same.

Realizing the spiritual blessings  
are far superior to the material blessings.

Knowing that godliness  
with contentment is great gain.

Instill in me these same great heavenly treasures.

Help me to look upwards, always!

**Help me to live godly in this world,**

and not be of the world:

being modest in dress and behavior.

Withhold not correction from me,

for I cannot direct my own ways.

Give me proper instructions to live by

that I can pass on to my children,  
if the Lord wills that I have children.

**As we travel this life together**

as long as it may be,  
through the joys, the trials,  
and even through death,  
teach me by example  
to hold to God’s hand in all things.

**When death parts us,**

may the one remaining have the comfort  
of the blessed hope  
found only of the faithful of God.

Reference: the Bible.

Repetition intended.

**Dedicated to my seven ladies:** One wife, two daughters, and four granddaughters. And to all parents who strive to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. – Perry Sexton

May all put God first.

{For quick reminder, just read bolded headings.}

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