



The Responsibility Roadmap

Raising Children with Deep Roots and Strong Wings

One day, your child will be an adult.

The goal of parenting is not merely raising children who obey rules while they live under our roof. The goal is to raise future adults who possess the character, competence, wisdom, and faith necessary to navigate the world long after they leave our homes.

As parents, we are called to give our children both **Roots and Wings**.

Roots that anchor them in truth, character, responsibility, faith, and family.

Wings that enable them to leave our care with confidence, capability, independence, and purpose.

Responsibility is one of the primary ways to develop both.

Children who are entrusted with meaningful responsibility learn that they are capable. They learn that their actions matter. They learn that they are contributors, not merely consumers. They discover that the world does not revolve around them and that they have something valuable to offer others.

The goal is not simply getting chores done.

The goal is to raise adults who know how to do hard and holy things.

Our Anchor Verse

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Proverbs 22:6

Training is different from telling.

Every family has a culture.

Some families unintentionally create a culture in which parents shoulder most of the work while children reap the benefits.

Other families intentionally create a culture where everyone contributes according to their abilities.

The culture you create today will shape the adults your children become tomorrow.

When children regularly participate in the work of the family, they begin to understand:

- I am capable.
- I am needed.
- My actions affect others.
- I can contribute something meaningful.
- Responsibility is a normal part of life.
- I have purpose and belonging.

These beliefs become part of their identity.

Over time, responsibility shifts from something they do to something they value.

The Goal Is Not Chores

As you move through the responsibility guide on the following pages, remember that the goal is not raising children who can complete a checklist.

The goal is raising future adults with **deep Roots and strong Wings.**

Adults who contribute rather than consume.

Adults who see a need and step forward.

Adults who can do hard and holy things.

Adults whose character has been formed through years of faithful practice in the ordinary moments of family life.

Every bed made, meal prepared, pet fed, mistake owned, and task completed is helping shape the person your child is becoming.

Those ordinary moments matter more than you think.

More Is Caught Than Taught