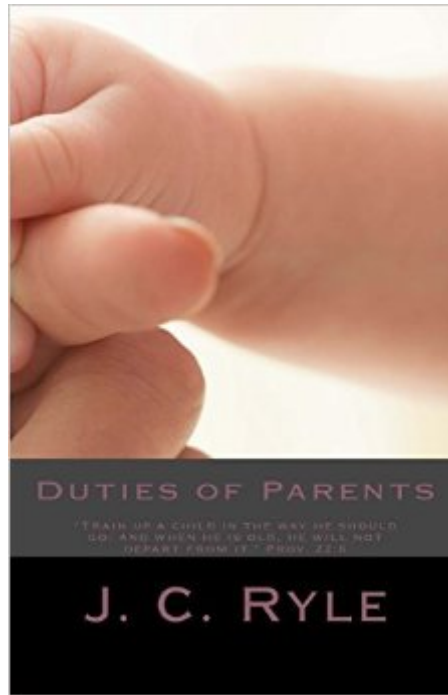


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# Duties Of Parents



## Synopsis

This small booklet is a beginner's manual for what Christians ought to intend in the act of child-rearing. In an age when we are losing our children to the world at a worrisome pace, Ryle give us the tools and the focus to "train them up in the way they should go." -Prov. 22:6

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## Customer Reviews

This book not only gives you helpful advice on how to raise your children, but it also helps expose where we may become lazy as parents. It shows how we can love our children without spoiling them. It's a book you'll want to read over and over again. It's very short and to the point and easy to comprehend.

I think "The Duties of Parents" only comes in at about 40 pages or so, but this little book is better than some much longer parenting books I have read. Ryle makes good use of his short presentation in making parents aware of what they should be doing to ensure that their children are raised in a godly way. The entire premise of the book centers around Proverbs 23:6, which says "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Some of the duties that Ryle states parents have is to train children in the way that they need to go, not in the way they want to, to train children with all love and affection, to train them by our actions and not just our words, to train them by considering their soul first, to train them to a knowledge of the Bible and how to pray, and more. You can feel the weight of Ryle's passion as you read his words, and I found myself stopping several times throughout to pray for God's grace to enable me to put his words into

action. You won't regret purchasing this book, and you will be glad that it is short, as you will probably want to reread it often as a refresher on how God would have us raise our children. The book doesn't take long to read, so it is perfect for frequent review.

This is a great parenting book, well more like a pamphlet. It's short and sweet and very concise. It was originally published in 1888 but it's very easy to understand and very relevant for today. I love the balance of tenderness and discipline. Check out the free sampler below: "[Children] must be wooed with kindness, if their attention is ever to be won." "Love is one grand secret of successful training. Anger and harshness may frighten, but they will not persuade the child that you are right; and if he sees you often out of temper, you will soon cease to have his respect." "What they see [by your example] has a much stronger effect on their minds than what they are told." "Depend on it, there is no surer road to unhappiness than always having our own way. To have our wills checked and denied is a blessed thing for us; it makes us value enjoyments when they come. To be indulged perpetually is the way to be made selfish; and selfish people and spoiled children, believe me, are seldom happy."

It has some good advice like be a role model and a few other things. However, I am against raising our children to have unquestioning obedience as this book suggests. Critical thinking and questioning all ideas and people, even parents, is necessary. It is not ethical to simply do as you are told. What if what you're being told to do is unethical? Even the one giving you commands is unethical this book says that if your children blindly do what they say then they will be living good lives. I am going to raise my children to have critical thinking skills and evaluate their situation after considering as much of the whole picture as possible before determining whether their behavior is good or bad. It also contradicts itself saying that children are not smart, yet goes on to say that they imitate parents at an accelerated rate as if these two things have no relation. In fact, children are extremely smart. Youngsters learn faster than at any other time in a person's life. They simply do not have context which is what parents have to be aware of. I believe it is a parent's duty to fill in this context and inform them as best as they can towards 'good' actions and utilize positive reinforcement when they do to encourage it. I also wish they would provide more context behind the religious stories. They throw in quotes from The Bible and often refer to biblical context without explanation. I think the book should be longer and not assume the reader is fluent in passages and books of The Bible.

If you're not new to the bible and already understand the basics of Christian living, this book may not do much for you. There are a number of good pearls that made it worth the purchase but overall, I didn't get much in the way of concrete recommendations on how to manage behavioral problems. It's more of a general overview of how to be a Christian parent.

Although a few of his wordings are dated (written in 1888), most of his observations of the human heart are quite relevant today. Especially in loving our children, leading by example, and idleness (read obsessive use of smartphones movies tv etc instead of working and spending time with and training our children).

Convicting! Wow, what an awesome read. Short book and to the point! Every parent should read this since all the responsibility is on our shoulders! We have to make sure we get things right so that our children can follow by our example. BEST BOOK ever on the topic.

A concise theology of the duties of parents, this is taken out of a larger work. The brevity of this tract is unusual for Ryle, but the thoroughness of treatment and no-excuses approach we have come to expect from him is intact.

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