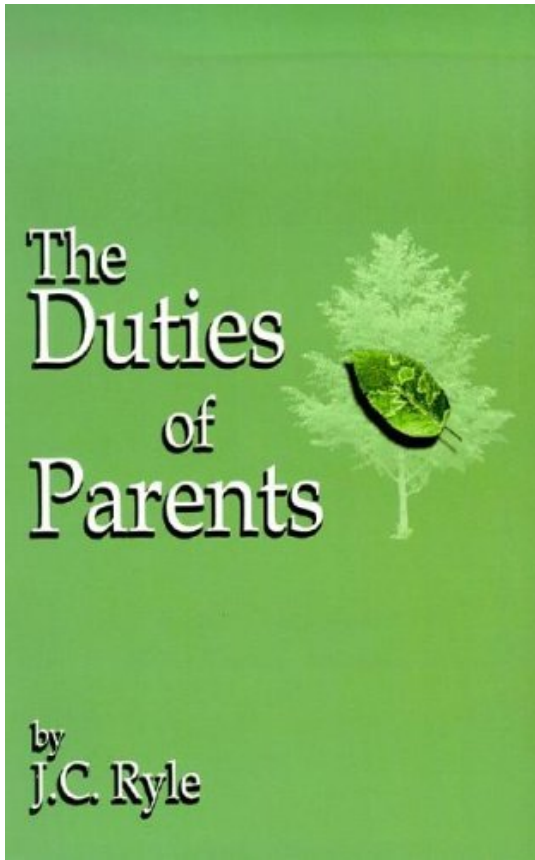


# The Duties of Parents - J. C. Ryle



J. C. Ryle (1816 - 1900), the first Bishop of Liverpool, was a fiery preacher who taught the importance of sound doctrine both in one's profession and practice. He is probably best known for his book *Holiness: It's Nature, Hindrances, Difficulties, and Roots*, but wrote other books, tracts and pamphlets. *The Duties of Parents* summarizes every Christian parent's obligations before God to his or her children. It is an excellent, brief treatment on the basics of parenting.

In a mere 34 pages, Ryle covers seventeen duties that Christian parents must practice. Each brief section is sure to clarify, convict, encourage, and impress upon parents the immense opportunity that we have in training our children. We pray that this book blesses you tremendously in the days and weeks to come!

One word of caution to readers: Ryle seems to regard Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it," (ESV) as a promise to parents. Although he admits that parents should not think that they can save a child, he calls this general principle of life "the Lord's promise" (1).

— Omri Miles

## HELPFUL RELATED RESOURCES

1. Scott Maxwell, "Ephesians 6:1-3 — Households for Christ: The Child's Obedience" (<https://www.gbcaz.org/sermon/1568/>)
2. Scott Maxwell, "Ephesians 6:4 — Households for Christ: The Father's Leadership" (<https://www.gbcaz.org/sermon/households-for-christ-11710-sermon/>)
3. Matthew Waymeyer, "A Biblical Guide to Successful Parenting" (<http://www.gibcjupiter.org/pages/sermons/detail/sermon/3072>)
4. Jerry Wragg, "2018 Courageous Churchmen Sessions - The Pastor in His Home"  
Part 1 (<http://www.gibcjupiter.org/pages/sermons/detail/sermon/3715>)  
Part 2 (<http://www.gibcjupiter.org/pages/sermons/detail/sermon/3716>)  
Part 3 (<http://www.gibcjupiter.org/pages/sermons/detail/sermon/3718>)
5. Scott Maxwell, "Build: D2 - The Home: Deuteronomy 6:1-9" (<https://www.gbcaz.org/resources/build-d2-home-deuteronomy-6/>)

## Suggested One-Month Reading Plan

(about 1 page per day)

### Week 1: November 4th – 10th

Introduction (2 pages)

Principles I - III (8 pages)

### Week 2: November 11th - 17th

Principles IV - VIII (9 pages)

### Week 3: November 18th - 24th

Principles IX - XIII (8 pages)

### Week 4: November 25th - December 1st

Principles XIV - XVII (7 pages)