

**Proverbs 1:8.** “My son, hear the instruction of your father, and do not forsake the law of your mother.”  
(read vs. 8-9)

The home is divinely designed for training children. Fathers and mothers are uniquely equipped to raise up their children in the way they should go. Fathers are mandated to be spiritual leaders, and mothers are psychologically hard-wired to be the moral governors. That is not to say parents don't reverse roles at times, but when they permanently reverse the divine order they reverse the divine mandate. Mothers set the rules; fathers enforce them. The law of the mother is a grossly overlooked principle. No one guards the nest like mom. Mothers aren't told the law; they know it by intuition. They have it down long before marrying age. They decide what their children wear and what they eat. Mothers plan calendar events, consult with teachers, help with homework, and set the moral tone in the family. The law of the mother is always at work. Fathers comply with mom's law (whether they know it or not). Mothers provide, protect, and preserve order and balance. Fathers bring up their children in the training and admonition of the Lord. Together fathers and mothers imitate God and reflect His image. The instruction of the father and the law of the mother lead children to fear the Lord which is the beginning of knowledge (Prov. 1:7). This is God's creative plan to parent God's way.