

Raising Children: What God Had In Mind

Psalm 127:3-5

Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

- Not necessarily yours but are met to carry the tradition of righteousness and witness. The prayers and works of the children can defeat enemies which have overwhelmed the parent.

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- If you see your child as a reward you will see the objective of God for your child Hard to say "I wish I never had you"

Deuteronomy 6:7

You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

- Not a suggestion but a command, at the dinner table, when you take them to school, before they go to bed quiz them on something scriptural, morning prayer at table or while in car or before they go to bus stop speak the Blessing over them.

Matthew 19:14

But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

- Ministry should not prevent children, but encourage them to come to the Lord. Their natural approach to the things of God, often remind us of our short-coming.

Lamentations 2:19

“Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of the night watches! Pour out your heart like water before the presence of the Lord! Lift your hands to him for the lives of your children, who faint for hunger at the head of every street.”

- They are easy motivators for in depth cries to God. Lift your hands don't be bent over, praise God on the promise he gave you concerning them. It appears to be a prayer not for their own only, but other wayward children.

Proverbs 22:15

Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him.

- Where is this foolishness? What did the wisest man say how to deal with it? The focus on abuses is to get parents to refrain from the methods God said use to drive it out.

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

- In order to carry the legacy they must be taught. It is Gods complete intent to instill in children the responsibility of carrying on his plan and purpose.

Job 1:5

And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, it may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually

- Job willingness to sacrifice - raising children is a sacrifice continually! If you don't catch that parenting will be very difficult due to your jaded perception of Father and Motherhood. The Parents are to lay up- store up enough for now and later- not the children.

Job 1:10

Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land

- The result of covenant parents and a faithful God.