

# Children<sup>1</sup> The Blessing OF God

Children are a blessing from God. Yet, in this era of split, mixed, and broken homes, parents can feel helpless trying to positively affect the lives of their children. While it is easier to do this when the children are in your home, be of good courage! You still have the power to positively empower their lives. In this study, we will cover key concepts and principles given to us by God that will give us the tools to allow our Children to have the best opportunity for success in life and with God.

## The Reason For Marriage

“God gave them his blessing and said: Have a lot of children! Fill the earth with people and bring it under your control. Rule over the fish in the ocean, the birds in the sky, and every animal on the earth.” [\(Genesis 1:28\)](#)

“Did he not make you one, although he had the residue of the Spirit? Why one? He sought godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let no one deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.” [\(Malachi 2:15\)](#)

### **Don't Become a Stumbling Block**

“But Jesus said, “Allow the little children, and don't forbid them to come to me; for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to ones like these.” [\(Matthew 19:14\)](#)

### **The Danger of Failing To Raise Up Godly Children**

“Brother will deliver up brother to death, and the father his child. Children will rise up against parents, and cause them to be put to death. You will be hated by all men for my name's sake, but he who endures to the end will be saved.” [\(Matthew 10:21-22\)](#)

## A Burden Broken

“To the woman he said, “I will greatly multiply your pain in childbirth. In pain you will bear children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.” [\(Genesis 3:16\)](#)

“But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was on Him; and with His stripes we ourselves are healed.” [\(Isaiah 53:5\)](#)

“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, being made a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone having been hanged on a tree”); so that the blessing of Abraham might be to the nations in Jesus Christ, and that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.” [\(Galatians 3:13-14\)](#)

## Children Are A Gift and Blessing From God

“Behold, children are a heritage of Yahweh. The fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows in the hand of a mighty man, so are the children of youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them. They won't be disappointed when they speak with their enemies in the

gate.” *(Psalms 127:3-5)*

“A song of ascents. How blessed is every one of the LORD’s loyal followers, each one who keeps his commands! You will eat what you worked so hard to grow. You will be blessed and secure. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the inner rooms of your house; your children will be like olive branches, as they sit all around your table. Yes indeed, the man who fears the LORD will be blessed in this way.” *(Psalms 128:1-4)*

**Having children later in life is a major blessing from God!**

“The godly grow like a palm tree; they grow high like a cedar in Lebanon. Planted in the LORD’s house, they grow in the courts of our God. They bear fruit even when they are old; they are filled with vitality and have many leaves. So they proclaim that the LORD, my protector, is just and never unfair.” *(Psalms 92:12-15)*

*If Your Ways Please the Lord,  
It Unleashes God's Favor Upon Your Children*

*\*I want this concept to be understood before we go any further. Even if your children are not in your life, home, or sphere of influence, you still have the power to bless them in a mighty way. How you live your life and walk with God will either shut or open the door of blessing and favor on them.*

*Foundational Blessing Upon You!*

“Because you have made Yahweh your refuge, and the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.”

*(Psalms 91:9-10)*

“The wicked are overthrown and perish, but the righteous household will stand.”

*(Proverbs 12:7)*

“When a man’s ways please Yahweh, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.”

*(Proverbs 16:7)*

“They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.” *(Acts 16:31)*

*Receive God's Favor For Dealing Righteously With Those in Your House.*

“Then the LORD said, “Should I hide from Abraham what I am about to do? After all, Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all the nations on the earth may receive blessing through him. **I have chosen him so that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just.**

**Then the LORD will give to Abraham what he promised him.**” *(Genesis 18:17-19)*

*The Covering Of God Over Your Children!*

“The righteous person behaves in integrity; **blessed are his children after him.**”

*(Proverbs 20:7)*

“Grandchildren are like a crown to the elderly, and the **glory of children is their parents.**”  
(Proverbs 17:6)

“Let your work appear to your servants; **your glory to their children.** Let the favor of the Lord our God be on us; establish the work of our hands for us; yes, establish the work of our hands.” (Psalms 90:16-17)

“Hallelujah! Blessed is the person who fears the LORD and is happy to obey his commands. **His descendants will grow strong on the earth.** The family of a decent person will be blessed. Wealth and riches will be in his home. His righteousness continues forever.”  
(Psalms 112:1-3)

“**The children of your servants will go on living here.** Their descendants will be secure in your presence.” (Psalms 102:28)

“You who fear Yahweh, trust in Yahweh! He is their help and their shield. Yahweh remembers us. He will bless us. He will bless the house of Israel. He will bless the house of Aaron. He will bless those who fear Yahweh, both small and great. **May Yahweh increase you more and more, you and your children.**” (Psalms 115:11-14)

“But the LORD continually shows loyal love to his faithful followers, **and is faithful to their descendants,** to those who keep his covenant, who are careful to obey his commands.”  
(Psalms 103:17-18)

“For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, and streams on the dry ground. **I will pour my Spirit on your descendants,** and my blessing on your offspring: and they will spring up among the grass, as willows by the watercourses.” (Isaiah 44:3-4)

“What man is he who fears Yahweh? He shall instruct him in the way that he shall choose. His soul shall dwell at ease. **His offspring shall inherit the land.** The friendship of Yahweh is with those who fear him. He will show them his covenant.” (Psalms 25:12-14)

“I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, **nor his children begging for bread.**” (Psalms 37:25)

“But the LORD has promised to fight on our side and **to rescue our children** from those strong and violent enemies.” (Isaiah 49:25)

“This is what the LORD says: Prisoners will be freed from mighty men. Loot will be taken away from tyrants. I will fight your enemies, and **I will save your children.**” (Isaiah 49:25)

“**All your children will be taught by the LORD, and your children will have unlimited peace.**” (Isaiah 54:13)

“In the fear of the LORD one has strong confidence, and **it will be a refuge for his children.**”  
(Proverbs 14:26)

## Mixed Marriages- What About The Kids?

*Either married or separated, your faith blesses your children.*

“And to the rest I speak—not the Lord—if any brother hath a wife unbelieving, and she is pleased to dwell with him, let him not send her away; and a woman who hath a husband unbelieving, and he is pleased to dwell with her, let her not send him away; for the unbelieving husband hath been sanctified in the wife, and the unbelieving wife hath been sanctified in the husband; otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy.”

**(1 Corinthians 7:12-14)**

## Good Conduct With Your Children

- “Do not seek your own good, but the good of the other person.” **(1 Corinthians 10:24)**
- “In love of the brothers be tenderly affectionate to one another; in honor preferring one another;” **(Romans 12:10)**
- “See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.” **(1 Thessalonians 5:15)**
- “By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.” **(1 John 3:16)**
- “Be angry without sinning. Don’t go to bed angry. Don’t give the devil any opportunity to work.” **(Ephesians 4:26-27)**

## Don't Provoke Your Kids

“And the fathers! Provoke not your children, but nourish them in the instruction and admonition of the Lord.” **(Ephesians 6:4)**

“Fathers, don’t provoke your children, so that they won’t be discouraged.”

**(Colossians 3:21)**

## Don't Abuse Your Kids

*Cruelty can come in many ways- be it emotional, physical or spiritual abuse.*

“Don't be cruel to any of these little ones! I promise you that their angels are always with my Father in heaven.” **(Matthew 18:10)**

“Jesus said to his disciples, “Stumbling blocks are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! It would be better for him to have a millstone tied around his neck and be thrown into the sea than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin.”

**(Luke 17:1-2)**

## Give Good Gifts To Your Children

“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!” **(Matthew 7:11)**

“I rejoice greatly that I have found some of your children walking in truth, even as we have been commanded by the Father.” **(2 John 1:4)**

## Leave An Inheritance

“A good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children, but the wealth of the sinner is stored for the righteous.” *(Proverbs 13:22)*

“Lo, a third time I am ready to come unto you, and I will not be a burden to you, for I seek not yours, but you, for the children ought not for the parents to lay up, but the parents for the children,” *(2 Corinthians 12:14)*

## Teach Your Children To Obey

**You will extend the life of your children by teaching them to obey.**

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which Yahweh your God gives you.” *(Exodus 20:12)*

**Be someone that is easy to honor. Don’t be a stumbling block to your children.**

“For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a teaching in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children; that the generation to come might know, even the children who should be born; who should arise and tell their children, that they might set their hope in God, and not forget God’s deeds, but keep his commandments,” *(Psalms 78:5-7)*

“Then they will be my people, and I will be their God. I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their good, and the good of their children after them. I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from following them, to do them good. I will put my fear in their hearts, that they may not depart from me.” *(Jeremiah 32:38-40)*

“This is the end of the matter. All has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every work into judgment, with every hidden thing, whether it is good, or whether it is evil.” *(Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)*

“You shall keep his statutes, and his commandments, which I command you today, that it may go well with you, and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land, which Yahweh your God gives you, forever.” *(Deuteronomy 4:40)*

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.” *(Proverbs 22:6)*

## Teach Them These Concepts!

“The children! Obey your parents in the Lord, for this is righteous; honour thy father and mother, which is the first command with a promise, **‘That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live a long time upon the land.’** *(Ephesians 6:1-3)*

“Children, obey your parents in all things, **for this pleases the Lord.**” *(Colossians 3:20)*

“You are witnesses with God, how holy, righteously, and blamelessly we behaved ourselves toward you who believe. As you know, we exhorted, comforted, and implored every one of you, as a father does his own children, to the end that you **should walk worthily of God, who calls you into his own Kingdom and glory.**” *(1 Thessalonians 2:10-12)*

### Discipline Your Child

**Your discipline should be firm, but never greater than your affection, praise, and compliments!**

**You prevent the poverty of your children through discipline.**

“Poverty and shame come to him who refuses discipline, but he who heeds correction shall be honored.” *(Proverbs 13:18)*

**You help save them from death.**

“Discipline your son, for there is hope; don’t be a willing party to his death.” *(Proverbs 19:18)*

**You will save them from hell.**

“Do not hesitate to discipline a child. If you spank him, he will not die. Spank him yourself, and you will save his soul from hell.” *(Proverbs 23:13-14)*

**You will make them wise.**

“A rod and reproof impart wisdom, but a child who is unrestrained brings shame to his mother.” *(Proverbs 29:15)*

**You prove your love for them.**

“One who spares the rod hates his son, but one who loves him is careful to discipline him.” *(Proverbs 13:24)*

**You will remove foolishness from them.**

“Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him.” *(Proverbs 22:15)*

**Correct out of love, so your children can become holy like God!**

“But you have forgotten that the Scriptures say to God’s children, “When the Lord punishes you, don’t make light of it, and when he corrects you, don’t be discouraged. The **Lord corrects the people he loves and disciplines those he calls his own.**” Be patient when you are being corrected! This is how God treats his children. Don’t all parents correct their children? God corrects all of his children, and **if he doesn’t correct you, then you don’t really belong to him. Our earthly fathers correct us, and we still respect them.** Isn’t it even better to be given true life by letting our spiritual Father correct us? Our human fathers correct us for a short time, and they do it as they think best. But God corrects us for our own good, ***because he wants us to be holy, as he is.*** It is never fun to be corrected. In fact, at the time it is always painful. But if we learn to obey by being corrected, we will do right and live at peace. Now stand up straight! *Stop your knees from shaking and walk a straight path. Then lame people will be healed, instead of getting worse.*” *(Hebrews 12:5-13)*

## *Guidance For The Parent*

### *Primary Responsibility*

**Spouses and children cannot prevent you from loving, obeying, and serving God.**

“You cannot be my disciple, unless you love me more than you love your father and mother, your wife and children, and your brothers and sisters. You cannot come with me unless you love me more than you love your own life. You cannot be my disciple unless you carry your own cross and come with me.” *(Luke 14:26-27)*

“Peter said, “Look, we have left everything, and followed you.” He said to them, “Most certainly I tell you, there is no one who has left house, or wife, or brothers, or parents, or children, for God’s Kingdom’s sake, who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the world to come, eternal life.” *(Luke 18:28-30)*

### *Don't Chase The American Dream/Good Life*

#### *If You Want To Be A Good Parent!*

“Jesus said to his disciples, “Most certainly I say to you, a rich man will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven with difficulty. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through a needle’s eye, than for a rich man to enter into God’s Kingdom.” *(Matthew 19:23-24)*

“If you see the oppression of the poor, and the violent taking away of justice and righteousness in a district, don’t marvel at the matter: for one official is eyed by a higher one; and there are officials over them. Moreover the profit of the earth is for all. The king profits from the field. He who loves silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he who loves abundance, with increase: this also is vanity. When goods increase, those who eat them are increased; and what advantage is there to its owner, except to feast on them with his eyes? The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eats little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not allow him to sleep. There is a grievous evil which I have seen under the sun: wealth kept by its owner to his harm. Those riches perish by misfortune, and if he has fathered a son, there is nothing in his hand. As he came out of his mother’s womb, naked shall he go again as he came, and shall take nothing for his labor, which he may carry away in his hand. This also is a grievous evil, that in all points as he came, so shall he go. And what profit does he have who labors for the wind? All his days he also eats in darkness, he is frustrated, and has sickness and wrath. Behold, that which I have seen to be good and proper is for one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy good in all his labor, in which he labors under the sun, all the days of his life which God has given him; for this is his portion. Every man also to whom God has given riches and wealth, and has given him power to eat of it, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labor—this is the gift of God. For he shall not often reflect on the days of his life; because God occupies him with the joy of his heart.”

*(Ecclesiastes 5:8-20)*

***This is not to say that you aren't supposed to provide.***

"If anyone doesn't take care of his own relatives, especially his immediate family, he has denied the Christian faith and is worse than an unbeliever." ***(1 Timothy 5:8)***

### ***If You Want To Serve God***

"This is a faithful saying: someone who seeks to be an overseer desires a good work. The overseer therefore must be without reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, sensible, modest, hospitable, good at teaching; not a drinker, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; **one who rules his own house well, having children in subjection with all reverence; (but how could someone who doesn't know how to rule one's own house take care of God's assembly?)** not a new convert, lest being puffed up he fall into the same condemnation as the devil. Moreover he must have good testimony from those who are outside, to avoid falling into reproach and the snare of the devil." ***(1 Timothy 3:1-7)***

"Let servants be husbands of one wife, **ruling their children and their own houses well**. For those who have served well gain for themselves a good standing, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus." ***(1 Timothy 3:12-13)***

"I left you in Crete for this reason, that you would set in order the things that were lacking, and appoint elders in every city, as I directed you; if anyone is blameless, **the husband of one wife, having children who believe, who are not accused of loose or unruly behavior**. For the overseer must be blameless, as God's steward; not self-pleasing, not easily angered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for dishonest gain; but given to hospitality, a lover of good, sober minded, fair, holy, self-controlled; holding to the faithful word which is according to the teaching, that he may be able to exhort in the sound doctrine, and to convict those who contradict him." ***(Titus 1:5-9)***

### ***Only Two Things Can Be Taken To Heaven!***

"For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me," says Yahweh, "so your offspring and your name shall remain." ***(Isaiah 66:22)***

***\*So, as we have learned, there is a lot you can do to support and encourage the physical, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing of your kids- even if they do not live with you. Every parent has a powerful role to play in the success of their children, near or far!***