

PSA 127:3 Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward. **4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth.** **5** Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

Promises About Children

1. **PSA 128:1** Blessed is every one who fears the Lord, Who walks in His ways. **2** When you eat the labor of your hands, You shall be happy, and it shall be well with you. **3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine In the very heart of your house, Your CHILDREN like olive plants All around your table.** **4** Behold, **thus shall the man be blessed Who fears the Lord.**
2. **PSA 37:25** **I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his DESCENDANTS (SEED) begging bread.** **26** He is ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants are blessed.
3. **PSA 72:4** He will bring justice to the poor of the people; **He will save the CHILDREN of the needy,** And will break in pieces the oppressor.
4. **PSA 103:17** But **the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting On those who fear Him, And His righteousness to CHILDREN'S CHILDREN,**
5. **PRO 13:22** **A good man leaves an inheritance to his CHILDREN'S CHILDREN, But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.**
6. **MAT 11:25** At that time Jesus answered and said, **"I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to BABES.**
7. **PSA 8:2** **Out of the mouth of BABES and nursing INFANTS You have ordained strength (praise),** Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.
8. **PSA 78:4** **We will not hide them from their CHILDREN, Telling to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done.** **5** For **He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers, That they should make them known to their CHILDREN;** **6** **That the generation to come might know them, The CHILDREN who would be born, That they may arise and declare them to their CHILDREN,**
9. **PSA 102:28** **The CHILDREN of Your servants will continue, And their DESCENDANTS will be established before You."**
10. **PRO 14:26** **In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge.**
11. **PRO 17:6** **Children's children are the crown of old men, And the glory of children is their father.**
12. **PRO 20:11** **Even a child is known by his deeds,** Whether what he does is pure and right.
13. **MAR 10:14** But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, **"Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.** **15** "Assuredly, I say to you, **whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."** **16** And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.
14. **1TI 2:15** Nevertheless **she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.**

Discipline and Training of Children

15. **DEU 6:4** Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. **5** Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. **6** **These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.** **7 IMPRESS THEM ON YOUR CHILDREN. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.** **8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.** **9** Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.
16. **PRO 22:15** **Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of correction will drive it far from him.**
17. **PRO 22:6** **Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.**
18. **PRO 29:15** **The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.**
19. **ISA 54:13** **All your children shall be taught by the Lord, And great shall be the peace of your children.**
20. **GAL 4:1** Now I say that **the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all,** **2** but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father.
21. **EPH 6:1** **Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.** **2** **"Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise:** **3** "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." **4** And you, **fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.**

22. **HEB 12:6** For **whom the Lord loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives.** 7 **If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?** 8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. 9 Furthermore, **we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?** 10 For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. 11 **Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.**

Responsibilities of Children

23. **ECC 12:1** **Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come,** And the years draw near when you say, “I have no pleasure in them”:
24. **EPH 6:1** **Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.** 2 **“Honor your father and mother,”** **which is the first commandment with promise:** 3 **“that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”**
25. **1TI 5:4** But **if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God.**
26. **HEB 12:9** Furthermore, **we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect.** Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?
27. **1PE 5:5** Likewise **you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders.** Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.”

Acts on Children

28. **RUT 4:13** So **Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife; and when he went in to her, the Lord gave her conception, and she bore a son.** 14 Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without a close relative; and may his name be famous in Israel! 15 **“And may he be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law, who loves you, who is better to you than seven sons, has borne him.”** 16 Then **Naomi took the child and laid him on her bosom, and became a nurse to him.** 17 Also the neighbor women gave him a name, saying, “There is a son born to Naomi.” And **they called his name Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.**
29. **ISA 1:24** Now **when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bulls, one ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the Lord in Shiloh. And the child was young,** 25 **Then they slaughtered a bull, and brought the child to Eli.** 26 And **she said,** “O my lord! As your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman who stood by you here, praying to the Lord. 27 **“For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition which I asked of Him.** 28 **“Therefore I also have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives he shall be lent to the Lord.”** So they worshiped the Lord there.
30. **LUK 2:21** And **when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.** 22 Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, **they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord** 23 **(as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”),** 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, “A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Salvation and Spiritual Life of Children

31. **ACT 16:31** So they said, **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.”**
32. **ACT 2:39** **“For the promise (of the in-filling of the Holy Spirit) is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”**
33. **2TI 3:15** and **that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures,** which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
34. **MAT 21:15** But **when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” they were indignant** 16 and said to Him, “Do You hear what these are saying?” And **Jesus said to them, “Yes. Have you never read, ‘Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise’?”**
35. **MAR 10:13** Then **they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them;** but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. 14 But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, **“Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.** 15 **“Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.”** 16 **And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.**
36. **MAT 18:6** **“But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.**

We Set the Example for our Children

37. **1KI 15:11** Asa did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, as did his father David. 26 And he (Nadab) did evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin by which he had made Israel sin.
38. **DEU 24:16** “Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall the children be put to death for their fathers; a person shall be put to death for his own sin.
39. **EXO 34:6** And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, 7 maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; HE PUNISHES THE CHILDREN AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR THE SIN OF THE FATHERS TO THE THIRD AND FOURTH GENERATION.”

All Parents Begat Both Natural and Spiritual Children

40. **GEN 1:28** Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”
41. **GAL 4:19** My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,
42. **HEB 2:11** Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the SAME FAMILY. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. 12 He says, “I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises.” 13 And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again he says, “Here am I, and the CHILDREN God has given me.” 14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—

Consequences of LACK of Discipline

43. **DEU 21:18** “If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and who, when they have chastened him, will not heed them, 19 “then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city, to the gate of his city. 20 “And they shall say to the elders of his city, ‘This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.’ 21 “Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones; so you shall put away the evil from among you, and all Israel shall hear and fear.
44. **2KI 8:26** Ahaziah was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem one year. His mother’s name was Athaliah, a granddaughter of Omri king of Israel. 27 He walked in the ways of the house of Ahab and did evil in the eyes of the LORD, as the house of Ahab had done, for he was related by marriage to Ahab’s family.
45. **PRO 30:17** The eye that mocks his father, And scorns obedience to his mother, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, And the young eagles will eat it.
46. **PRO 28:24** Whoever robs his father or his mother, And says, “It is no transgression,” The same is companion to a destroyer.
47. **LEV 20:9** ‘For everyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death. He has cursed his father or his mother. His blood shall be upon him.

Examples of Good Children

48. **ISA 2:26** And the child Samuel grew in stature, and in favor both with the Lord and men.
49. **2KI 12:1** In the seventh year of Jehu, Joash became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem forty years. His mother’s name was Zibiah; she was from Beersheba. 2 Joash did what was right in the eyes of the LORD all the years Jehoiada the priest instructed him.
50. **2CH 34:1** Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. 2 And he did what was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the ways of his father David; he did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. 3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, he began to seek the God of his father David; and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the wooden images, the carved images, and the molded images.
51. **EST 2:20** Now Esther had not revealed her family and her people, just as Mordecai had charged her, for Esther obeyed the command of Mordecai as when she was brought up by him.
52. **LUK 2:51** Then He (Jesus) went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Examples of Bad Children

53. **GEN 26:34** When Esau was forty years old, he took as (Canaanite) wives Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite. 35 And they were a grief of mind to Isaac and Rebekah.
54. **ISA 2:12** Now the sons of Eli were corrupt; they did not know the Lord.
55. **ISA 8:1** Now it came to pass when Samuel was old that he made his sons judges over Israel. 2 The name of his firstborn was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba. 3 But his sons did not walk in his ways; they turned aside after dishonest gain, took bribes, and perverted justice.
56. **1KI 1:5** Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, 'I will be king'; and he prepared for himself chariots & horsemen, & fifty men to run before him. 6 (his father had not rebuked him at any time by saying, 'Why have you done so?') He was also very good-looking. His mother had borne him after Absalom.)
57. **2KI 2:23** Then he went up from there to Bethel; and as he (Elisha) was going up the road, some YOUTHS came from the city and mocked him, and said to him, "Go up, you baldhead! Go up, you baldhead!" 24 So he turned around and looked at them, and pronounced a curse on them in the name of the Lord. And two female bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the youths.

Three Principles For Raising Godly Children

I. TEACH CHILDREN TO HONOR GOD.

- A. Teach them God's commandments, including the 10 Commandments. (**DEU 6:5-9**)
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| 1. You shall have no other gods before Me. | 7. You shall not commit adultery. |
| 2. You shall not worship idols. | 8. You shall not steal. |
| 3. You shall not misuse God's name. | 9. You shall not give a false testimony (no lying). |
| 4. Remember the Sabbath Day & keep it holy. | 10. You shall not covet (desire to have) anything that belongs to someone else, including his spouse, servants, business, family & possessions. |
| 5. Honor your father and mother. | |
| 6. You shall not murder. | |
- B. Memorize scripture together. (**JOH 3:16, PSA 100, PSA 1, PSA 23, JOH 1:1-14**, 10 Commandments, etc.)
- C. Seek **FIRST** the kingdom of God.
LUK 18:29 & 30 "Assuredly, I say unto you, there is no one who has left houses, or parents, or brothers, or wife, or children for the sake of the kingdom of God who shall not receive many times more in the present time, and in the age to come, eternal life." It's worth your life!
- D. **Teach your children to pray**, including by setting an example.
- E. **Three** major areas in which to honor God.
1. With their bodies. **EPH 5:3-5, 1CO 6:9 & 10**
 2. With their music. Teach your children to praise the Lord.
 3. With their money. **LUK 12:15, ITI 6:6-10** Teach them to tithe right from the start.

II. TEACH CHILDREN TO HONOR THEIR PARENTS.

- A. **EPH 5:33** Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.
- B. **DEU 5:16** 'Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.
- C. **LEV 19:3** Every one of you shall revere his mother & father, & keep My Sabbaths: I am the Lord your God.

III. TEACH CHILDREN TO HONOR THEMSELVES.

- A. **PSA 139:15 & 16** "You are fearfully and wonderfully made..."
- B. **JER 29:11** "For I know the plans I have for you..."
- C. **DEU 28:13** "If you fully obey the Lord your God, He will make you the head and not the tail - to be above, and not beneath..." God has called our children to be leaders - not followers, to influence rather than to be influenced. Tell them often - **PRO 18:21**
- D. **JER 33:3** "Call unto me and I will show you great and mighty things..."

LEV 20:9 'For everyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death. He has cursed his father or his mother. His blood shall be upon him.

EXO 1:7 But the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them.

PRO 17:6 Children's children are the crown of old men, And the glory of children is their father.

MAT 19:14 But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

JER 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."

PSA 139:13 For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb.

GAL 1:15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, 16 to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood,

ISA 44:2 Thus says the Lord who made you And formed you from the womb, who will help you: 'Fear not, O Jacob My servant; And you, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.