

7-D**Questions: Children Are A Blessing**

1-2. **MATCH** the Greek words and their English meanings:

Greek	English
<i>pater</i>	family
<i>patria</i>	father
<i>meter</i>	image, likeness
<i>charakter</i>	child, son, daughter
<i>teknon</i>	mother

Greek	English
<i>huios</i>	seed, offspring
<i>sperma</i>	son, children
<i>speiro</i>	begat, born, begotten
<i>gennao</i>	kindred, kind, race, family
<i>genos</i>	to sow, scatter seed

3. Write out **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.* (NKJ)
4. **GEN 1:26** Then God said, "Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 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." (NKJ)
5. **GEN 5:3** And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth. (NKJ)
6. **T F** Just as God has rule and have dominion over the universe, and created man in His physical and spiritual image, so also He ordained that the man an woman should rule and have dominion over the earth and create or multiply after their own physical and spiritual image.
T F The commission to "go forth, be fruitful and multiply" that God gave Adam and Eve applies in a spiritual and physical sense also to the Second Adam and His Eve, the Church.
7. Write out **GAL 4:19**: *My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you.* (NKJ)
Explain what Paul is talking about here: *Paul first labored in intercession for the Galatians that they be BORN into the Kingdom of God. Now he labors on the Christ be fully formed in them.*
8. **GAL 4:26** but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all. 27 For it is written: "Rejoice, O barren, You who do not bear! Break forth and shout, You who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children Than she who has a husband." 28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. 29 But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now. (NKJ)
9. **ROM 8:19** The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the sons of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. (NKJ)
10. Write out **DEU 6:6-7**: *"And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.* (NKJ)
11. Write out **IPE 2:2**: *as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,*
PRO 22:6: *Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.*
PRO 29:15: *The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.*
ISA 54:13: *All your children shall be taught by the Lord, And great shall be the peace of your children.*
12. **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? (NKJ)
13. Where did Jesus have his **Bar Mitzvah**? *In Jerusalem, on Passover. LUK 2:41-50* **Why** was Jesus in that city at that time? *Jesus' parents took Him every year to Jerusalem for the Passover. LUK 2:42 describes their trip when He was 12 years old. When a Jewish male has his Bar Mitzvah, he is questioned about the law by the priests, which is apparently what was happening when He was left behind in the temple.*
14. Write out **ACT 16:31**: *So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."* (NKJ)

ACT 2:39 “For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.” (NKJ)

What is the promise spoken of in **ACT 2:39**? The in-filling or Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

15. **In past generations and in other cultures**, three generations of family lived together under one roof, including grandparents, parents, and children. Explain how this custom could be helpful for the family: Grandparents bring a depth of experience and wisdom often not yet attained by new parents, who may also be very busy with careers, establishing a new household, and other duties that might compromise their ability to care optimally for their children. This is one change in our dispersed culture that has harmed our families. On top of this are issues such as divorce, both parents working, financial pressures to “keep up with the Joneses”, etc.
16. **Do** the responsibilities of raising a family and running a household help a parent to mature and grow? **Explain.**
It is God’s plan that as we take the responsibility to birth and rear children, both in our nuclear family, as well as in the wider family of the church, that we ourselves grow in maturity, both naturally & spiritually. Without taking such responsibilities, we will miss out on such growth
17. Write out **1KI 15:11**: Asa did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, as did his father David. (NKJ)
1KI 15:26: 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. (NKJ)
18. **EXO 34:6** And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, 7 “keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children’s children to the third and the fourth generations.” (NKJ) (compare **EXO 20:4-6**)
19. **What** is the difference between iniquity, transgression and sin? Sin is disobedience of God’s Law, but without willful intent. Transgression is WILLFUL disobedience of God’s Law. Iniquity is a spiritual stronghold that results in an individual who repeatedly and willfully disobeys or disobeys a law with a death penalty.
Which of these is visited upon future generations? It is the spiritual aspect of sin, INIQUITY, which passes on to our offspring, almost like genetic characteristics. Iniquity has its basis in demonic, spiritual roots.
20. **What** is God’s answer to the problem of iniquity from previous generations? Iniquity represents the spiritual root of willful disobedience or rebellion against God. Since it represents spiritual oppression, obsession, or other form of spiritual “place” occupied by a demonic force, deliverance is necessary for freedom.
What must we do to be free of the iniquity of past generations or our past disobedience? First to acknowledge and then to sincerely repent for the sins, transgressions, and iniquities of our relatives, even if they are long dead. Often our lives exhibit the fruit of those iniquities, manifesting as bondages we cannot seem to break free from. Effective deliverance from such bondages can only occur in conjunction with true repentance, metanoia”. A 180 degree change in direction. If we continue to dabble in these sins, bondage CANNOT be broken, and will only become WORSE.
21. **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. (NIV)
Why do you suppose Ahaziah reigned only one year? Because he did evil in the sight of the LORD
How many times is the phrase “his mother’s name was...” found in the Bible? 23 times
In 22 of these, the text also makes a statement like “he did evil” or “he did good in the eyes of the LORD”.
What is the connection? Parents, especially mothers, have a tremendous influence on the ultimate character and spiritual development of their children. “Like father – like son; like mother – like daughter.” Our individual behavior has much more influence than what we say. Hypocrisy is readily transparent.
22. **EXO 20:4** “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. (NKJ)
23. **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. (NKJ)
24. **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, (NKJ)
25. **How** will you apply what you have learned in this lesson to **your** life and family? Answer for yourself and your family.