



## Children Are A Great Blessing From God

*3 "Behold, children are a gift of 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 How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them; They shall not be ashamed, When they speak with their enemies in the gate."*

**Psalms 127:3-5**

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*“But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever.” I Tim.5:8*

## **Are We Really Good Parents?**

*4 "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!*

*5 "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*

*6 "And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart;*

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*7 and you shall teach them diligently to your sons 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 up.*

*8 "And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead.*

*9 "And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

**Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

## **Are We Really Good Parents?**

*“He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him diligently.”*

**Proverbs 13:24**

*“Discipline your son while there is hope, And do not desire his death.”*

**Proverbs 19:18**

*“Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it.”*

**Proverbs 22:6**

## **Are We Really Good Parents?**

*“Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child;  
The rod of discipline will remove it far from him.”*

**Proverbs 22:15**

*“Do not hold back discipline from the child,  
Although you beat him with the rod, he will not die.  
You shall beat him with the rod, And deliver his  
soul from Sheol.”*

**Proverbs 23:13-14**

## **Are We Really Good Parents?**

*“The rod and reproof give wisdom, But a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother.”*

**Proverbs 29:15**

*“Correct your son, and he will give you comfort; He will also delight your soul.”*

**Proverbs 29:17**

## Are We Really Good Parents?

*“And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”*

**Ephesians 6:4**

*“Fathers, do not exasperate your children, that they may not lose heart.”*

**Colossians 3:20**

## Are We Really Good Parents?

*“Older women...encourage the young women to...love their children...”*

**Titus 2:3-4**

*“...God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?”*

**Hebrews 12:7**

*“...we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them...”*

**Hebrews 12:9**

## Are We Really Good Parents?

*“All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.”*

Hebrews 12:9

# **Are We Really Good Parents?**

- **How much time do we spend with our children?**
  - **quality time?**
  - **quantity time?**
  - **or both?**

# **Are We Really Good Parents?**

- **Do we show partiality to our children?**
  - **Remember Isaac for Esau (Gen.25:28)?**
  - **Or Rebekah for Jacob (Gen.25:28)?**
  - **Or even Jacob for Joseph (Gen.33:2)?**

# Are We Really Good Parents?

- Are we inconsistent or hypocritical to our children?
  - Do we really practice what we preach?
  - Are we preaching *read your bibles, say your prayers, get your bible lessons, go to church...*
  - What are our children seeing US practice?

## **Are We Really Good Parents?**

- **Both parents faithful and active in the church**
  - **93% of their children remained faithful**
- **Only 1 parent faithful and active in the church**
  - **74% of their children remained faithful**
- **Both parents reasonably faithful but inactive**
  - **53% of their children remained faithful**
- **When parents attended Bible classes occasionally**
  - **6% of their children remained faithful**

# **Are We Really Good Parents?**

- **Are we really teaching our children the difference between:**
  - **“We have to go to church today!”**
  - **“We are greatly blessed today with the opportunity to go worship God and learn more about how to serve Him faithfully!”**

# **Are We Really Good Parents?**

**• Are we depending on the church, the bible class teachers and the preacher to teach our children all they need to know about God, morality and being faithful?**

**- How much time are we spending teaching our children?**

**- Do we have bible discussions with our children?**

# **Are We Really Good Parents?**

- **What are we really teaching our children is most important?**
  - **home work, ball games and recreation?**
  - **or Sunday and Wednesday night bible study?**

# **Are We Really Good Parents?**

- **What are we really teaching our children should come first in our life?**

- **God?**

- **or whatever else comes up at the time?**

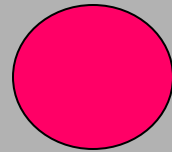
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•If we are really good parents, then we will teach by word and example what Jesus taught:

*"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you."*

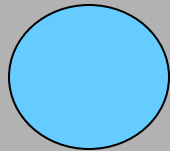
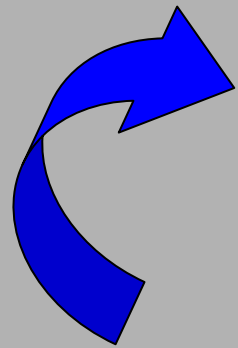
**Matthew 6:33**





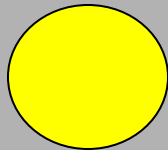
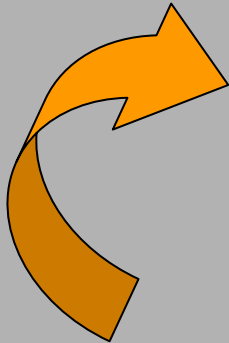
**Be baptized**

**(Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38)**



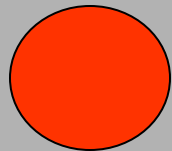
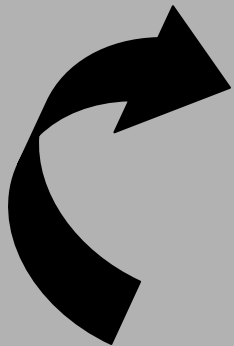
**Confess your faith**

**(Romans 10:9-10)**



**Repent of your sins**

**(Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30)**



**Believe the gospel message**

**(Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6)**