

# Being Godly Parents

# Introduction

- **Ps. 127:3**
- **Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,  
the fruit of the womb a reward.  
ESV**
- **Behold, children are a gift of the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward. NASV**

# God Wants Every Home To Have A Father

- This is God's plan
- Gen. 18:19

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- **Gen. 18:19** “For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.”

# Fathers Should Honor Their Children's Birthright

- **Birthright** = rights a persons is entitled to at birth
- Home is the social “unit” of society
- Fathers are to educate children in the way God approves of

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- **2 Tim. 3:15**
- **“And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”**

# Keys To Being A Godly Family Leader

- 1. **Compassion** like the father of the prodigal son
- 2. **Patience** in instruction and discipline
- **Col. 3:21**
- “Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.”

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- 3. **Nurturing** as we encourage, help and strengthen our children
- **Nurture** = to bring up; train; educate.
- Lk. 11:11, 13



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- Lk. 11:11
- “If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?”

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- Lk. 11:13
- “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?”

## Keys To Being A Godly Family Leader

- 4. **Be the right kind of example –**
- **A faithful father teaches by example**
- **Prov. 23:26**
- **“My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways”**

# Practical Applications For The Father

- 1. Put the kingdom first and teach the family to do the same
- Mt. 6:33
- “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

# Practical Applications For The Father

- 2. Teach his children to love, respect & obey their parents
- 3. Be a loving husband & a considerate father
- 4. Provide physical and spiritual leadership

## Practical Applications For The Father

- 5. Be honest in all his dealings
- 6. Set aside Sunday for his family to worship
- 7. Never speak or act in an unChristian manner

# Practical Applications For The Father

- 8. Rule his household with love, kindness, and care
- 9. Love and respect every family member
- Mt. 7:12

# What Godly Mothers Can Do

- 1. **Pray** with and for your children
- **Js. 5:16**
- “Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”



# What Godly Mothers Can Do

- 2. Teach them to **study and worship**
- **Mt. 4:10**
- “Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.”

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- 3. Show them how to **do good works**
- **Mt. 5:16**
- “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

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- 4. Prepare their hearts
- Js. 1:12
- “Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.”

# Practical Application For Mothers

- **A. The early years**
- **This is a 24/7 job**

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- **B. The Teenage years**
- **Frustration and fun both describe this period**
- **Teach them how to control themselves!**

# Practical Application For Mothers

- **C. When they leave home**
- Your “daily” work is through
- Your children begin their own lives and homes
- Let them live their own lives

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- **C. When they leave home**
- **Give advice when asked**
- **Proverbs 22:6 --- If you taught them right from wrong – this knowledge will always be with them**

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- **C. When they leave home**
- **They are responsible for their own salvation**
- **Ezekiel 18:20**



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- **Ezekiel 18:20** “The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.”

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- **C. When they leave home**
- **If they reject their training, then “stand at the door and wait”**

## Conclusion

- There are many different joys to be found in the different seasons of parenthood
- Pray for your children
- Be an example of good works
- Look to God for strength and help

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- **Before you know it your children will be grown and gone**
- **Appreciate every moment!**

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