

# Privileges of Parenthood

## What God Says to Parents



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## 1. How are children to be regarded?

Psalm 127:3, "Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward."

Every child born into the home is a sacred trust, God says to parents. Take this child and bring it up for Me, that it may be an honor to My Name, and a channel through which My blessings shall flow to the world.

## 2. How did Eve recognize her indebtedness to the Lord for her child?

Genesis 4:1, "And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, **I have gotten a man from the LORD.**"

## 3. In what beautiful way did Jacob acknowledge the blessing of God upon his home?

Genesis 33:4-5, "And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept. And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, Who are those with thee? And he said, The children which **God hath graciously given thy servant.**"

## 4. What affection should children receive from their parents?

Titus 2:4, "That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to **love their children.**"

2 Samuel 18:33, "And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

"Young people, look in those eyes, listen to that dear voice, and notice, the feeling of even a touch that is bestowed upon you by that gentle hand. Make much of it while yet

you have that most precious of all good gifts, a loving mother." Lord Macaulay.

## 5. On what occasion did Jesus Christ show His love for the young?

Matthew 19:13-14, "Then were there brought unto Him little children, that He should put His hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto Me: for of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

## 6. What duty did He enjoin upon one of His disciples?

John 21:15, "So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou Me more than these? He saith unto Him, Yea, Lord; Thou knowest that I love Thee. He saith unto him, **Feed my lambs.**"

## 7. By whom also are children loved and guarded?

Matthew 18:10, "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in Heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in Heaven."

## 8. What blessings should children bring to a home?

### A. Comfort.

Genesis 5:29, "And he called his name Noah, saying, This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed."

### B. Happiness.

Psalm 127:4-5, "As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of

them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

C. Strength.

Psalms 144:12, "That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace."

**9. What is one of the crowning joys of aged parents?**

Proverbs 17:6, "Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers."

**10. What blessings may children receive through the prayer of Christian parents?**

1 Chronicles 17:27, "Now therefore let it please Thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may be before Thee for ever: for Thou blessest, O LORD, and it shall be blessed for ever."

1 Chronicles 29:19, "And give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep Thy commandments, Thy testimonies, and Thy statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace, for the which I have made provision."

1 Chronicles 22:12, "Only the LORD give thee wisdom and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel, that thou mayest keep the law of the LORD thy God."

"I stand today the loving witness of a mother's faithfulness and a prayer hearing God," Richard Cecil.

**11. On the other hand, what sorrows may the iniquity of parents bring upon their children?**

Exodus 20:5, "Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto

the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me."

**12. How grievously may children be led astray by sinful parents?**

Jeremiah 9:14, "But have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their fathers taught them."

**13. How is the importance of parental influence stressed?**

Ezekiel 16:44, "Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall use this proverb against thee, saying, **As is the mother, so is her daughter.**"

**14. What tragic degradation of family life will mark the last days of Earth's history?**

Mark 13:12, "Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death."

**15. At the same time, what revival of family life will be found among believers before the end?**

Malachi 4:6, "And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the Earth with a curse."

Luke 1:17, "And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

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