

AN ESSENTIAL ROLE

Point 1

Children matter to God, and they should matter to us.

But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

(Luke 18:16-17 NIV)

Point 2

Children are a blessing from God.

***Behold, children are a
heritage from the LORD,
The fruit of the womb is a
reward. (Psalms127:3 NKJV)***

Point 3

Children are an investment.

***Those who sow in
tears will reap with
songs of joy.***

(Psalms 126:5 NIV)

***Train up a child in
the way he should
go: and when he is
old, he will not depart
from it***
(Proverbs 22:6 KJV)

***The proverbs of
Solomon: A wise son
brings joy to his
father, but a foolish
son grief to his
mother.***
(Proverbs 10:1 NIV)

***Folly is bound up in
the heart of a child,
but the rod of
discipline will drive
it far from him.***

(Proverbs 22:15 NIV)

Point 4

There is a goal in mind in child rearing.

Has not the LORD made them one? In flesh and spirit they are his. And why one? Because he was seeking godly offspring. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth.

(Malachi 2:15 NIV)

Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are sons born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their enemies in the gate.

(Psalms 127:4-5 NIV)

***Her children arise
and call her
blessed; her
husband also, and
he praises her:***

(Proverbs 31:28 NIV)

Point 5

**We need to support
mothers in their role.**

Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God. (Titus 2:3-5 NIV)

***Husbands, in the same way
be considerate as you live
with your wives, and treat
them with respect as the
weaker partner and as heirs
with you of the gracious gift
of life, so that nothing will
hinder your prayers.***

(1 Peter 3:7 NIV)

CONCLUSION