

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.

(Proverbs22:6 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