

The Holy Spirit in the Life of Children

In the last days God pours out his Spirit on all flesh, not just kings, priests and prophets

Acts 2:17-18 "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that ***I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy***, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; 18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

- Specifically today speaking about "sons and daughters"

WOMB - Instill in them the reality that God has created them for a purpose (who/what is directing them?)

- **IN THE WOMB** Jer 1:5 ESV "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

AGE 6-11 Create places or experiences where children can hear God speak to them (quiet, missions)

- 1Sa 3:9-10 ESV Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10 And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

TIMOTHY A CHILD - Help them become acquainted with the word of God - (It will guide, train, correct)

- 2Ti 3:15-17 ESV and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for **teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness**, 17 that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

AGE 8 JOSIAH THE KING 2 King 22 Lead your children to respond in repentance to the word of God

- 2Ki 22:2 ERV Josiah did what the LORD said was right. He followed God like his ancestor David. Josiah obeyed God's teachings--he did exactly what God wanted.
- 16 years old he began to seek God 26 began to repair the house of the Lord - they found a copy of the scripture They read it to him and he repented Brought about a revival

AGE 13-15 ~ BEFORE AGE 20 - Remind them of testimonies - to help them face the giants of today

- 1Sa 17:37 ESV And David said, "The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!"

3 HEBREW YOUTH-AGE (15-20) Teach them to stand alone and effect change

- Dan 3:17-30 ESV ... our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. 18 But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."28 Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants, who trusted in him, and set aside the king's command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. 29 Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that speaks anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins, for there is no other god who is able to rescue in this way." 30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

Be an example -- 2Ti 1:4-5 ESV As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.

CAPTURE the HEART -- Mal 4:6 ESV And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."