

# Godly Living: Raising Godly Kids

## 1. Acknowledge who these kids really belong to

Psalms 24.1 (NIV) The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

Psalms 127.3-5 (NLT) Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from him.<sup>4</sup> Children born to a young man are like arrows in a warrior's hands.<sup>5</sup> How joyful is the man whose quiver is full of them!

2 Corinthians 6.16, 18 (NIV) For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."  
"I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

## 2. As parents we are responsible for caring for God's gift

Ephesians 6.4 (Msg) Fathers, don't exasperate your children by coming down hard on them. Take them by the hand and lead them in the way of the Master.

Deuteronomy 11.19 (NIV) Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the LORD swore to give your forefathers, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.

Proverbs 29.17 (TEV) Discipline your children and you can always be proud of them. They will never give you reason to be ashamed.

## 3. Share your experiences

Psalms 78.4 (Msg) Listen, dear friends, to God's truth, bend your ears to what I tell you. **2** I'm chewing on the morsel of a proverb; I'll let you in on the sweet old truths, **3** Stories we heard from our fathers, counsel we learned at our mother's knee. **4** We're not keeping this to ourselves, we're passing it along to the next generation— GOD's fame and fortune, the marvelous things he has done.

Luke 6.39-40 (Msg)'Can a blind man guide a blind man?' Wouldn't they both end up in the ditch?  
**40** An apprentice doesn't lecture the master. The point is to be careful who you follow as your teacher.

Matthew 4.19 (NLT) Jesus called out to them, **"Come, follow me"**