

Seeing Through the Eyes of Our Children

"Her children rise up and call her blessed [happy, fortunate, and to be envied]; and her husband boasts of and praises her..." Proverbs 31:28 Amplified



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Last week I spoke of the many people in the U.S. and other countries when I have ministered to who have told me of the godly character or example that one or both of their parents set before them, and how they bless their parents. However, how our children see us and feel about us is determined in great power by how we see them and how we feel about them. Proverbs 29:18 (NAS) reads, *"Where there is no vision the people are unrestrained; but happy is he who keeps the law."*

Beloved, we need God's vision for our children. Psalms 127:3-5 (NAS) reads, *"Behold, children are a gift of the LORD. The fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, are the children of one's youth. How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies at the gate."*

Do we see our children as a gift of God, entrusted to us by God to be raised for His glory? Or are our career and earthly possessions so important to us that we birth our children and then hand them over for someone else to raise? Do we see our children as a reward from God or as a burden in our life? Are we living godly lives before them and raising them to be straight arrows who will do damage to Satan's kingdom? Or do they see our lives full of compromise and love for this world and following our example? Do they see themselves as a blessing from God? Do we treat them as though they were a blessing? Or do they wake up to be rushed through their breakfast, or maybe have no breakfast as we rush them to daycare or school as we head to our job? Do they come home to an empty house? Are we

all stressed out when we pick them up from the daycare or from school? Are we running in so many directions in the evenings and on weekends that we have little or no quality time with them? Our children will never rise up and call us blessed if we don't treat them as a blessing from God.

Beloved, we need to constantly remind ourselves that the things of this world will end at the grave. We can't take them with us. But one day, each of us will stand before Almighty God, a Holy God, and give an account for how we have treated and raised His children that He entrusted into our care.

Some of you are living to glorify Jesus and raising godly children to do the same. Your children know that they are a blessing in your life, and that is evident. One day your children will rise up and call you blessed.

For others of you, you need to ask God to help you change your priorities so that you can see your children as a blessing from God and as a reward from Him. And you will know the joy of one day being blessed by your children. The choices are ours. Are we going to put our priorities on the things of this world that will end at the grave, or are we going to make our priority the same as God's priority in raising families that will one day glorify Him?

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