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FOR JESUS**

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INTRODUCTION

This book is an in-depth study on child raising and training. It centres on the commandment and wisdom of the Holy Scripture on raising up godly children for God and the society.

The book is loaded with the powers of scripture that will compel parents into appropriate actions towards their children in the fear of God.

2 Timothy 3:15-17

¹⁵And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

¹⁷That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Follow the scriptural guidance provided in this book and make this your hand book on child raising and training, and you will have testimonies to give on God's conversion and commitment to godliness amongst your children.

Deuteronomy 6: 6-7

⁶And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

⁷And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in

***thine house, and when thou walkest by the way,
and when thou liest down, and when thou risest
up.***

This book shows you why children behave the way they do, and how to overcome the powers of the forces that spoil children. It encourages those in the western world not to submit to the corrupt laws of the government which are contrary to the eternal laws of God on child raising and training.

The scripture strongly exhorts parents to apply proper discipline to their erring children. Not to do so is to spoil them.

Proverbs 22:15

***Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the
rod of correction shall drive it far from him.***

Proverbs 23:14

***Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver
his soul from hell.***

Parents must learn to ask God for help in their duty of child raising and training. Truly, some children are overwhelmingly stubborn, but there is hope for them in Christ. Invite Jesus Christ to your family to help you raise your children for Himself: the Lord needs them in His vineyard for His end time gospel exploit.

Please raise up godly children for Jesus!

Chapter 1

GOD IS THE GIVER OF CHILDREN

1.1 Every Child Given by God has a Purpose to Fulfil in His Will

Genesis 33:5

⁵And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, Who are those with thee? And he said, The children which God hath graciously given thy servant.

God is the giver of children. He gives them by His own grace to mankind. Children are ignorant, innocent little human beings, male and female, conceived and brought into this world of sin and Satan, in order to fulfil the will of God their Creator. God gave them for a purpose, to fulfil His will. That is why you should not look commonly on the child God gave you. He is given to you by the grace of God, to fulfil the will of God.

Revelation 4:11

¹¹Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.

Isaiah 43:7

“Even every one that is called by My name: for I have created him for My glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.”

1.2 Untrained Children Are Tools In Satan's hands for evil works.

When children are left alone without godly training, without the salvation that is in Christ, they naturally develop evil and wicked hearts and live in the society as wicked men and women; disobedient men and women; completely ignorant of God. If nothing is done to the child that God has given you; if the child is left alone without training in godliness; that child will get corrupted. If you cook your food or soup and leave it without appropriate care, it will become corrupt with time, because the atmosphere has corrupting power that corrupts whatever is improperly exposed to it. So also does the force of evil in the world make children naturally go off track of morality. The power of sin that is in children make them turn off from God as they grow up. Jesus called some people children of Satan because of their character and hatred of God.

John 8:44

“Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for

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he is a liar, and the father of it.

The Bible addressed some people as, Children of Belial, children of Satan.

Deuteronomy 13:13

¹³Certain men, the children of Belial, are gone out from among you, and have withdrawn the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which ye have not known.

Judges 20:13

¹³Now therefore deliver us the men, the children of Belial, which are in Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from Israel. But the children of Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel.

1 Samuel 2:12

¹²Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD.

These people addressed as children of Satan were children God graciously gave to their parents, but were not given godly training. They were left to themselves.

1.3 Your Carelessness is Responsible for your Child's Foolishness

King Solomon passed by the vineyard of a man lacking understanding and when he looked; he saw that the walls of the vineyard had been broken

down. The walls that prevented animals from entering in had been broken down because there was no repair, no maintenance. He saw that the vineyard was overgrown with weeds. The bad condition of this vineyard was because the vineyard was abandoned by the owner. As he looked at it, he knew who the owner of the vineyard was: a lazy man, one that loved sleep, leisure, pleasure and did not want to fatigue himself. His vineyard brought shame and reproach to him.

Proverbs 24:30-33

³⁰I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;

³¹And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.

³²Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction.

³³Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep.

In the same way, the Bible says:

Proverbs 17:21

²¹He that begetteth a fool doeth it to his sorrow: and the father of a fool hath no joy.

If your child is a foolish child or a wayward child, you will have no pleasure in him. You will be in sorrow. But then, what caused the child to be a fool? You were responsible! You did not care for that child that was graciously given to you.

Proverbs 17:25.

25 A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him.

A stubborn child, a wicked and, disobedient child, causing trouble in the house and in the society is a grief to the father. He causes bitterness of heart to his mother. Many parents today are in sorrow because of their children. The enemy is plaguing families and marriages a lot in this area. Many parents wished they did not have children, because of the life of their children. They are always being put to shame. The mother will enter into the room and cry, as people meet her and say, "So that stubborn child is your son? Take care of your son!" The mother is in shame, she is in bitterness. Because of the activities of Satan that have increased greatly in these last days, families, parents and the society are spending their time in sorrows. Even brothers and sisters, children of the same father and mother are lamenting because of the behaviour of the siblings. Come, weep with this man in the book of Lamentation.

Lamentations 1:16

16 For these things I weep; mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water, because the comforter that should relieve my soul is far from me: my children are desolate, because the enemy prevailed.

"My children have become useless. I gave birth to children, but they became something else. They became scorpions and serpents. My enemy has

prevailed. Satan has laid his hands upon my children. My eyes run down with water. I am crying, I am weeping”.

What do we say of the single parent; a mother that does not have a husband to help her care for these children? Or the widow that does not have the father to help her care for these children? The children would oppress their mother! They despise their mother! She laments, “The enemy has prevailed. The children are not hearing me, for this I weep and I cry.”

Lamentations 2:11

“Mine eyes do fail with tears, my bowels are troubled, my liver is poured upon the earth, for the destruction of the daughter of my people; because the children and the sucklings swoon in the streets of the city.

This is an observer that looked to the streets and saw wayward children. He saw corrupt children on the streets in their evil character, wickedness, evil dressing, and nakedness. He said, “I cried, tears were falling from my eyes. I cried out my strength, because the children and the sucking swooned in the streets of the city.”

You can now see the situation: stubborn children, wicked children, wayward children, disobedient children, ungodly children fighting against God and righteousness. As the people of God gather, they go there with occult powers to disrupt them. Is not your child among those who disrupt God's

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work? They have joined the army of Satan. Your son is even looking for you to kill. It is a sorrowful thing. Satan is behind this matter.

John 10:10

¹⁰The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

Woman of God, man of God, how did your son fall into the hands of thieves? How did your daughter fall into the hands of thieves? They are training them to steal, and they themselves are training others to do evil. They smoke marijuana; they take drugs, looking foolish and stupid on the streets. I pray that God will wipe away your tears. May the Lord bring an end to this shame. I pray that the other children you are giving attention to will not get corrupted in your hand in Jesus name. Amen.

1.4 The Endtime Spirit is Taking Its Toll On Untrained Children

The situation is worse in this end time.

2 Timothy 3:1-5.

¹This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

²For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

³Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

⁴Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of

***pleasures more than lovers of God;
Having a form of godliness, but denying the
power thereof: from such turn away.***

Disobedient children! No regard for parents! Your daughter is ready to fight you, throw you down, and sit upon you, speaking rudely, “Do not talk like that to me again. Promise me now otherwise I leave home.” It is as bad as that. Your son is ready to fight you. He learnt it from the wicked world. They have taught him to do it, so he cannot listen to you anymore. He cannot wash your clothes again. He cannot send him on errand again. He cannot join you in doing any work. He cannot be told when to sleep or when to wake up. He does not want to go to school and you cannot compel him. If he goes to school, he does as he like there.

The last days! Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof. The ones that come to church have no Christianity in their lives. Do they not play in the choir and still commit immorality and incest? They sing in the choir. Are they original? There is a God that sees. There is a God that is watching. They do many evil things that one will say, “Ah! Ah! Are you not the one in the choir?” But why are you like this? The enemy has done this. The last days!

Chapter 2

SOURCES OF CORRUPTION IN CHILDREN AND YOUTHS

What are the things that have affected the lives of youths and children?

2.1 Peer Group Pressure

1 Corinthians 15:33

³³*Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.*

Proverbs 13:20

²⁰*He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.*

Because your child must have friends, friends teach one another evil. Your daughter belongs to a peer group and is influenced by some friends. How can she keep virginity anymore, when her friend of 14 years said, “What are you keeping it for? You are a shame to the society. You are not a woman yet. How can you be boasting of being a virgin at 15? You are not a woman yet!” And they begin to laugh at her! Her friend then suggests, “I will provide a man for you. Remove this shame from us. You have not seen the sweetness of life.” That

is the pressure on the innocent child. That is peer pressure!

To the young man that has never slept with a woman, the friends are saying, "What! Then you are not a man. Come, let me show you how to do it." That is what is going on. Peer group! Boys and girls that have no parents, that have no godly parents, that have been left to themselves and are a shame to the society and to their parents, are now the best friends of your children. They are the ones teaching them wickedness and training them how to do evil. They teach them how to commit immorality and how to steal. Peer group! Amnon had a friend, Jonadab was his name, a very intelligently evil boy. Jonadab, the friend, taught Amnon how to commit immorality with his sister. He said, "I will give you the formula, very cheap. You look foolish. Okay, go and lie down and tell your father you are sick and also say that only your sister Tamar can prepare the type of meal that will give you taste. That will make your father come to you. Your father will accept your request. Then you can have her. Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha!" He touched him and said, "Boy." And that is how that boy went off and died eventually.

2 Samuel 13:3-14, 28-29.

³But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother: and Jonadab was a very subtil man.

⁴And he said unto him, Why art thou, being the king's son, lean from day to day? wilt thou not tell me? And Amnon said unto him, I love

Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister.

⁵And Jonadab said unto him, Lay thee down on thy bed, and make thyself sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, I pray thee, let my sister Tamar come, and give me meat, and dress the meat in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it at her hand.

⁶So Amnon lay down, and made himself sick: and when the king was come to see him, Amnon said unto the king, I pray thee, let Tamar my sister come, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat at her hand.

⁷Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, Go now to thy brother Amnon's house, and dress him meat.

⁸So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was laid down. And she took flour, and kneaded it, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes.

⁹And she took a pan, and poured them out before him; but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, Have out all men from me. And they went out every man from him.

¹⁰And Amnon said unto Tamar, Bring the meat into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand. And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother.

¹¹And when she had brought them unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, Come lie with me, my sister.

¹²And she answered him, Nay, my brother, do not force me; for no such thing ought to be

done in Israel: do not thou this folly.

¹³ *And I, whither shall I cause my shame to go? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee.*

¹⁴ *Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her.*

²⁸ *Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say unto you, Smite Amnon; then kill him, fear not: have not I commanded you? be courageous, and be valiant.*

²⁹ *And the servants of Absalom did unto Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and every man gat him up upon his mule, and fled.*

That is the tension your child is facing.

2.2 Music

Music! The devil has gotten hold of music. Music is the most appealing thing to the flesh. It makes people dance, sing rough words and speak slangs. The music of our day goes with pornography. The musicians bring naked women and actual acts of immorality into the music. The people singing and dancing in the contemporary music are stars. Your child wants to be a star too, so he thinks, "I can do what this boy is doing." Your daughter thinks, "I can do what this girl is doing. I can be

like her.” They train your daughter to stand in her underwear. She watches it, so fear and shame are no more there. Shame is gone. They teach her harlotry right in her father’s house through music and, of course, they are making a name. She wants to make a name too. They are paying them much for such nakedness. She needs the money too. She has gotten a friend who told her how much she made and has bought a car with it. Music and dancing! A great force against children!!

2.3 Television

Television has become a nanny. It has taken over the family. Parents tell their child, “Watch and do not cry. Watch, do not mind eating food.” The child really will not bother about eating food. In these days of work, work, work! They set a television in front of the child and say, “Here is it. Here are your favourite stations, go ahead, watch, until I come back.” That is a school the child is going through in the house. He is watching and the world and Satan are ready to train him. When you return, he begins to say, “Chu! Cho! Chu!” You say, “What is happening?” He has learnt it and is practicing it!

Psalm 101:3

³I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

When children, a boy and a girl who are brother and sister, have watched pornography, no matter

how short the scene is, they will want to practice it. They will say, “The man did like this and the woman opened like this.” Before you know it they will do like that and open like that right in your house. It has happened several times before and it is still happening. I heard of a boy that killed one of his brothers or so, with a knife, having watched Kungfu where they used knives to fight. Chu! Chu! Chu! So he carried a knife and “Chu” on his sibling. It entered straight. Television! What a corrupt thing, bringing wickedness of the world to your house, making Satan to be in charge of your house. May be you watch along with them too and are laughing, it is sinking into them. They do not have self-control like you.

Galatians 6:7-8

7Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

2.4 Films/Movies

Films of crime, witchcraft and pornography are available in the market. Children know when and how to go and buy them and when you are sleeping they watch them and learn witchcraft. They watch “Power Pass Power.” What your eyes see, your heart desires. They watch sexual performance going on live in various forms. How

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can they watch those things and not be corrupted by them? When you come to a house where a nice meal is being prepared, your mouth salivates. The saliva is formed by itself. The heart begins to wish for the meal. That is so with the children. As they watch it, their body gets strongly stirred. Many are exposed to these things right from childhood. In about five years to come we shall have a terrible world, because of these things they watch.

2 Peter 2:14

¹⁴Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:

2.5 The Internet

Children can easily have access to the internet on their phones. They can access it on their computers. They go to the sites where the devil has arranged wicked things. All these things Satan has arranged to expose them to wickedness. How to be initiated into witchcraft is clearly there. If you want to join illuminati it is there. The child innocently goes to those sites and before you know it he is initiated. You say, “I am not a witch, my husband is not a wizard, what happened to you?” It is the internet. That is the world we are living in now. Oh! Many parents' eyes are running down with water, their eyes are running down with water for shame and sorrow because of their children. More than parental shame and sorrow is the judgement of hell fire awaiting them.

Isaiah 30:9-11

⁹That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD:

¹⁰Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits:

¹¹Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.

2.6 The Institutions

Schools! Corruption in schools! Schools are given to immorality: immorality with the teachers to pass examinations. The students commit immorality with one another for pleasure. The students practice masturbation, oral sex, homosexuality, lesbianism, pornography, and every kind of sex freely. The environment is free and safe. Only the determined can escape pollution in schools. The miniskirts given to female students in the primary and secondary schools as uniforms are meant to expose their nakedness and promote immorality right early, unawares to them.

2.7 Restaurants/Bill boards

Go to restaurants, Mr Biggs and some of these restaurants, you will see pornography going on there. We went to Etisalat telecoms office, when we wanted to get an Etisalat mobile line. I saw

pornography on display there. I asked the attendant, “Why are you keeping this?” He said, “It is not me. It is coming from our headquarters. You cannot touch it, or change it, if you do not want to lose your job.” The world already is fully equipped to remove the last righteousness from men. You can control yourself, but the child cannot. We must take these things to God and cry to Him. What about the advertisement bill boards? Immorality! Nakedness! That is what is displayed on most of them on the roadside and in the city.

2.8 The Government

The Government is saying, “Give condom to your children and give them freedom to use them. Give them liberty. If you do not give them liberty, we will handle you.” The Government is supporting the corruption of the children. Satan has bought the government over. They permit both sex and witchcraft education in the schools. Sex is now one of the schools subjects. The world is fighting God. The world is fighting righteousness. The world is starting with the children because they know that if you want to transplant a crop you do so when it is young. When it grows up it will show no sign of transplanting, it will look normal. So they are getting them quite young. Some of these nations are teaching witchcraft in the schools, to clear out what remains of righteousness, so that there will be no righteousness in this world we live in. In some nations, the Government has decreed that if you beat your child, you will go to prison or the child will be taken away from you and be given

to another mother. They have prepared mothers, and built homes to accommodate children. This is what is going on in the western world.

In some of the countries where the government has already sanctioned those laws, when the child comes to school the teachers ask, “Did your mother beat you? Did your father touch you? Tell me.” If the child replies, “Yesterday my mother beat me,” the next thing is that police will arrive at the mother’s house because the mother has transgressed the government’s rule. “Your child reported in school that you beat him.” They can ask the child, “What do we do with your mother now? Tell us what we should do.”

Romans 1:21-22

- ²¹Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*
- ²²Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.*

A child was sitting with her mother who was partially deaf in one ear and so speaks out loud. The child did something and the mother shouted at her to correct her. In a short time a policeman was knocking at the door. This is because the schools have given the children police numbers and told them, “Call them anytime; should anything threaten you at home: just call the police.” You know a child likes to practice something learned. A policeman arrived and

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knocked at their door. The mother opened the door and said, “Yes?” The policeman said, “I am invited to this house.” The mother said, “No! Nobody invited you in this house.” The policeman asked, “Who are the people here?” She replied, “Only myself and my eight year old daughter.” The policeman asked the girl, “Girl, did you invite me here?” The girl said, “Yes.” This happened in America.

The mother was shocked. The policeman asked the girl, “What happened?” The girl said, “My mother shouted at me!” “Why did you shout at this girl?” The policeman questioned the woman and then said, “Girl, what do we do to her?” The girl said, “Let her go and remain in the cell for two weeks.” That was how the mother was taken to the cell, so that she should learn her lesson. The police warned the woman, after she completed her term of incarceration, “If you try this thing again, this child shall be taken from you, she is an American child.” That is how the parents live there. They have put them in bondage. The devil is using the Government because iniquity must take over the world. Are you sitting still? They are digging under you and they will soon fall you down. So you must cry to God for your salvation and that of your children.

2.9 False Churches and Pastors

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

¹³*For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the*

apostles of Christ.

¹⁴**And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.**

¹⁵**Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.**

There are churches established just to initiate people into occultism. That is their whole aim. The children teachers are demonic. They distribute themselves to various churches, under instruction: "Go and show zeal in the churches. Show them that you love children." They are there on assignment, to initiate children into witchcraft. Where was your child initiated? It was in the church, by children teachers. So where do you go now? Satan's ways are so many that only God can give you an escape route. The female children may be fingered by the male teachers, introducing them to immorality quite early. The films shown and the drama taught in some of the churches stir children to evil practice.

2.10 Poverty

Poverty too, is playing its own role. Because of lack of money, a man and his wife and about five children, making seven persons are all sharing one room. A story was told of a child whose parents used a curtain to separate their bed from them. Whenever the bed was making noise, he knew that something was happening on the parents' side. So the child, an intelligent one, put

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a mirror up directly on top of their parents' bed. So, when the parents began mating, he would be watching his parents in the mirror performing live pornography. Poverty has caused that. The parents could not afford two or three rooms for the family. But most times this is due more to ignorance than poverty. This also makes the child to see the nakedness of one another as they sleep, take bath and change their clothes. Incest is highly promoted under this condition.

2.11 Wayward parents

The way the parents dress, the children follow the style. They follow their parents' naked dressing. The clothes some parents buy for their children are terrible. All these miniskirts you buy for your children, do you remember you have boys? Do you know that your female child can sit down anyhow or lie down exposing her body? And that your boy will not remember that she is his sister? Some parents contribute to incest in the house. Some mothers expose their nakedness to their male children to their sexual provocation in the house. The bathroom may be poorly covered, exposing the females taking bath to their male siblings. This condition keeps the male children loaded with sexual feeling.

2.12 Devil's "Operation Catch Them Young"

Multiplied initiation is going on. Many people want to be rich, so Satan tells them the number of people they should initiate in order to get money.

Multiplied children are initiated into witchcraft. It is no more in those days that except your father is a wizard or your relation is a witch; you may never be initiated into witchcraft. No! It is no more like that again. “Oh God of heaven, we are saying this in sorrow and in pain. We are saying it in tears. Lord we have not power nor might in this matter. If you do not arise, what shall we do? If you do not do anything, (like the king of Samaria, when someone cried to him and said, Help O king, and he said, How do I help? If God does not help you? How can I help you, from the barn or from the storehouse?”) “What shall the righteous do?” Children suffer initiation into witchcraft in the house, school and in the church.

2 Chronicles 20:11-13

¹¹*Behold, I say, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of Thy possession which Thou hast given us to inherit.*

¹²*O our God, wilt Thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee.*

¹³*And all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.*

Christians are passing through this danger everywhere; seek God's help! Parents are passing through this sorrow everywhere. If God does not intervene, where do we go? The world is waxing strong in evil. Things are increasingly getting worse. Children have been led astray from early

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age. Some are initiated from the womb. It is a matter of sorrow indeed. It is a matter of concern and the game is also being played in the house of the pastor, to quench the ministry of the man of God. They tell the child, "Bring your mother. We will make you king, we will make you queen. Bring your father. Child, go and put this thing in your mother's food." And they threaten them too saying, "We will beat you if you do not do it. We will kill you!" So the child does those things under threat.

Our God shall reverse those things. Amen. Parents are put into various bondage by children. Some parents are put into poverty because the child is in covenant with the devil to empty the purse of the family. Some suffer sickness: this one is sick, that one is sick, the other one is sick. There is no rest. A child who caused the father to lose his job said, "They told me to do this so that you will come and sit at home. Then you and mummy will be blaming each other. As you are crying in poverty, Satan is laughing and they are promoting me there. Mummy, we are the one that shut up your womb. You will not give birth anymore. I will be your only child. It is enough by force." Listen to God's word directed to you who loves the Lord Jesus:

Isaiah 41:9-14

"Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art My servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee

away.

¹⁰**Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness.**

¹¹**Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish.**

¹²**Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought.**

¹³**For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.**

¹⁴**Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.**

Chapter 3

LEAD YOUR CHILDREN TO JESUS FOR THEIR SALVATION

John 14:6

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.”

Isaiah 48:17-19

“Thus saith the LORD, Thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.”

“O that thou hadst hearkened to My commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:

“Thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof; his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before Me.”

3.1 Follow God's Instructions and Do Them

Various plagues are being inflicted on parents. But let us go back to divine instructions on children. God who is more powerful than Satan has given us divine instructions. Follow them. Do

not be lazy like that lazy man whose vineyard king Solomon saw. Do not be lazy like him. Rise up and do this job otherwise, your hope for heaven will be a mirage. Rise up and train your children and listen to what the scripture says. Do it, do not respect the contrary decree of the Government of your nation. Be wise, the way of the wise is above to deliver from evil beneath. Be wise and deliver your children. Who comes to your children? Who teaches your children? Who relates with your children? Who is a friend to your children? Monitor everything. God will help you. God who does not want you and your children to perish, will stand behind you. He will put His angel in your house. You just need to obey God.

3.2 Lead your Children to the Lord Jesus

Matthew 19:13-15

¹³*Then were there brought unto Him little children, that He should put His hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them.*

¹⁴*But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto Me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.*

¹⁵*And He laid His hands on them, and departed thence.*

Jesus said, “Bring those children to Me. Dedicate them to Me. Commit those children to Me. Why are you keeping them away from Me?” Bring them to the church. Why do you think that the gospel is not for children? Do not mind the noise they are

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making in the Church. The angels of God are there, taking care of them and helping them to pick one, two or three words from what the preacher is saying. Jesus is saying, “Bring children to Me. I want to lay My hands upon them. I want to use them. I want to bless them. The kingdom of God is for them.” You have heard the testimony that a child of about six years was found in hellfire. A girl of eight or nine years, she used witchcraft to kill eight people. God said, “Bring them to Me, I will deliver them, I will save them from sin.” Lead them to Jesus. Ask Jesus to come into their hearts. Let Jesus come into their lives and change them. He told you to bring them to Him. This is a divine instruction. Do not say my husband is the one hindering me. Take the child aside and lead him to Jesus. Do not say, “My wife is the one to do it.” You do it! The commandment is for you to obey. Do not mind how many times the child has been led to Jesus; continue to do so, until you see the evidence.

3.3 Train up Your Child

Proverbs 22:6

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Show the child how to do it. Tell him about it. Some children may be stubborn, continue to give them the same instructions, not minding their refusal, resistance, forgetfulness and outright disobedience. With prayers they will pick and submit.

Ecclesiastes 11:1

Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.

Training also means the person does not know how to do things. Show him how to do it. The person does not know how to drive a car, you train him. The person does not know how to construct a table as a carpenter, you train him.

Training a child means you have a vision for that child. There is something, a set goal or direction you want in the child. If you do not have a vision, the wisdom of training will not come. You will not know the materials of training to use. But if you have a vision of what you want in your child, you will find the materials or tools to use. Train up a child in the way he should go.

Training involves knowing the 'dos' and 'don'ts'. It involves impartation of knowledge. Put the right knowledge in your child. Tell your child what to do and what he is not to do. When he is old, he will not depart from it. There are people who have trained their children on how to prostrate and greet their elders. They prostrate to greet even in their adult age. They learnt it. There are people who have trained their children on how to cook food. They grow up to cook fine meals that rejoice the heart. You are training them because you have a vision that your children should not be a shame in their husband's house. The word of God says, "Train up your child." Involve yourself in

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this training, however busy you are. Employ persons in school, church, or your relations and professionals to assist you, if you can find. Use good materials of training to assist you.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

⁹Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.

¹⁰For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.

¹¹Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone?

¹²And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Single parents need counselling in this area also. They may require participation of others in training the children. Such should not be ashamed to seek help from close ones for the training of their children.

3.4 Teach the Children God's Word

Deuteronomy 11:18-21

¹⁸Therefore shall ye lay up these My words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

¹⁹And ye shall teach them your children,

speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

²⁰And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates:

²¹That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.

Can you see? Teach your children the word of God. Teach them all the doctrines: Salvation, Sanctification, Restitution, Baptism in the Holy Ghost. Teach them about the second coming of Christ. Teach them Biblical marriage. Teach them about water baptism, that when they are born again they need to be baptised in water. Teach them all the Word of God. The Bible says teaching requires wisdom.

Colossians 1:28

²⁸Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

What will you use to cause the child to understand the teaching? Get the teaching aids. Get the teaching materials. Your child has been watching pornography and wrong videos. Get educative and godly films for your children to watch. Tell them the evils in pornography and ungodly films that they are watching. Warn your

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children against evil. Educate them. Get them books, like the devotional. Let the children learn how to read the devotional book every day, even in school. Tell them to carry the devotional book to school. Supervise! Check whether your instruction is being followed. Ask questions. Ask, "Which one did you read today? What did you learn about it?" Check it out. Train your children. Teach them the Word of God. Get your children good Bibles. Teach them how to read the Bible. Give them assignments in the Bible and some Christian books. Let them listen to the CDs and the DVD messages on righteousness and holiness. Tell them to listen to a number of messages and take down notes. The God of heaven who asked you to do this, will work with you.

Mark 16:20

²⁰And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

The Lord will work with you, confirming your word, your service with signs following. You will see the result in your children. The Lord shall confirm your service in Jesus name. That is what God expects you to do.

Proverbs 31:27-28

²⁷She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

²⁸Her children arise up, and call her blessed;

her husband also, and he praiseth her.

Only parents that are born again and love the Lord with all their hearts can be good trainers of children to make them fear God and serve Him well.

Matthew 7:3-5

³And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

⁴Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?

⁵Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

To lead your children to the Lord Jesus, you parents must be true believers. To lead them from sin to righteousness, you too must be righteous and holy.

Chapter 4

APPLY SCRIPTURAL DISCIPLINE ON YOUR CHILDREN

4.1 Do Not Leave Children All By Themselves

Do not through your carelessness make your children to become wayward. You spend all the time before television to the neglect of your children. Some of you are so lost looking for money that your children are going to hell and consequently you too are going to hell, because of money.

2 Timothy 6:10

¹⁰*The love of money is the root of all evil, which some haven covet after have pierced their souls with many sorrows.*

Sorrows caused by children! Yes I know the matter is hard because you must labour to get food for them. As you are labouring to get food for their bodies, what about the food for their souls? As you are labouring to educate them, what about educating them on Jesus, Holiness and Heaven? You must do all things well. You just must come to God to make you a qualified parent. That is the responsibility He has given to you and you must keep it up. A person that goes to the university to

study must study all the courses for his discipline and must pass them all; otherwise, he will not obtain the certificate. Pass all your exams. Work hard on your children.

4.2 Apply Family Planning method appropriate to you

If you know you will not be able to cater for many children, tell God, “Lord, I want just is number.” The desire of the righteous shall be granted. Apply the appropriate righteous method of family planning. Do not listen to those who are attacking family planning. They are speaking from the devil who does not want you to know the truth that will set you free. Control the number of children you bear so that you do not live a foolish life. So that you may not live a life of sorrow and bitterness in this world because of children. But for you who have given birth to many children before coming to know the wisdom in family planning, look to God to show you mercy and help you out.

Acts 17:30

³⁰And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent.

Present your ignorance to God and say, “God help me now. I was ignorant of these things.” Work hard to rise up godly children for Jesus, He needs them. He said, “Bring them to Me, I will use them in this endtime. I will put My Spirit in them and they will prophesy.”

Joel 2:28

28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

4.3 Discipline the Children in a Godly Way

God wants you to discipline your children in a godly way.

Proverbs 13:24

24 “He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.”

This scripture is saying, you should apply discipline on your child quite early in life. Do not be so merciful and compassionate that you cannot use a cane to beat your child. O woman, do not hate your child! O man, do not hate your child! It is an evil mother or evil father that refuses to use the cane on their children.

Proverbs 13:24

24 “He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.”

It means that he that loves his child will start to beat him when he is still small; quite early enough. 'Betimes' means early. Do it early. He is not too young to receive the cane. God who created the child says, "I have put miracle power in the cane as I put miracle power in the rod of Moses. It will

change your child!" Do not toy with the cane. Do not joke or take disciplining with the cane casually. Buy a cane and keep in the house and let your child know about it. Tell your child to touch it. Tell him, "It is waiting for you." That child will be conscious of that cane. One day he may say, "Mother, this cane is still here." You will just say, "Leave it there." His aim of reminding you is to hear whether you will tell him to go and throw it away. Say, "No! Leave it there. It is there for you." The word says that in beating the child you are demonstrating practical love for him. Some of the discipline we give to people who work under us is seen as hatred. No! We want them to be better. We love them. It is not that we hate them. God wants you to do good to your children, to protect them from Satan. Do not mind the power of the devil. Follow the word of God and you will see his angels helping you on your children.

Psalm 34:7-8

⁷The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them.

⁸O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

Christian parents must discipline their children in a godly way. Your motive must be pure. There must be no partiality between one child and the other. The cause of the chastisement must be clear to the child, so that he does not see it as hatred and oppression. There must be control in discipline and the method applied must not be the

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one to cause injury on the child. Always seek God's guidance and wisdom. Make your child see God in the discipline.

Ephesians 6:4

⁴And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

This scripture shows that there is God's way of child discipline and child training which the Bible outlines for us.

4.4 Discipline your Children While there is Hope

Proverbs 19:18

¹⁸***“Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.”***

There is a time when there will be no more hope. There is a time when there is nothing you can do to that child anymore. But there is a time when there is still hope. There is a time you will take the cane and he will despise it. But there is a time he is still afraid of cane. So, chasten your child, use the cane when there is hope. That is what the word of God is telling us. Correct your son when there is hope and let not your eyes or soul spare cane because of his crying. There are children that start to cry immediately you take the cane. “Eh, sorry ma, I will not do it again, Eh! Eeh,” shouting and screaming. Do not listen to those things. Do not drop the cane. A passer-by who sees a man

correcting his child with a rod and says, “No, don't beat him,” is ignorant and not helping that child. God says the parent should do so to a child he loves. Tell God to take over from you when you have lost hope over your child.

Philippians 4:6-7

⁶Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

⁷And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

If you will always commit the case of that tough child to God in prayer, you will be peaceful in your heart.

4.5 Support your Spouse in the Work of Child Discipline

There is a difference between mother and father on this matter. One is always the disciplinarian. It could be the father that is the disciplinarian. Sometimes it is the mother. When it comes to the matter of discipline, you the second person (spouse) hold your peace. Since you are not the disciplinarian and the mother is now doing her job, a beautiful job, saying, “Hey! Come here child! Kneel down here! I say, Kneel down and remain there!” Let not the father say, “I am a merciful father,” After one minute you say, “Is it not enough? Tell him to stand up now. Stand up from there, your mother does not know the pain you are

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passing through." You do not know you are doing evil. Sometimes it is the father that is disciplining the child. The child knows that if his father comes in to handle him for his offense, it will be terrible. When he has done evil, a terrible one that his father will not spare, he will go to his mother and try to buy her favour, like saying, "Mummy, I want to wash your clothes. Mummy is there anything I can do for you?" He is trying to buy over his mother. He is bribing her so that when the business starts she will come and deliver him. There is a saying that goes thus, "The bird that calls for the rain, the rain will fall upon it." That means the bird that calls for the rain will be beaten by it. The child has done a thing worthy of chastisement so he must be beaten. Control yourself and allow it to be done. It is a commandment of God. To resist it and fight one another is to fight against the word of God. Discipline is ineffective when you are not united.

1 Corinthians 1:10

¹⁰Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Do not split the children; some for the father and some for the mother. Be united! However, you can privately correct your spouse in case of ungodly anger and excesses in the punishment of children.

4.6 Know that Children are Bound to be Foolish

Proverbs 22:15

¹⁵“Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.”

Foolishness! Why do you think your child should know everything? God is even surprised at some of you. You tell your son, “Why do you not understand these things?” How would he understand them? “I try to make you understand these things and you are still doing them wrongly? Foolishness is in his heart. He says, “I thought when I do it this other way it will not bring trouble. I thought! I thought!” It is foolishness. That rod is called, “The rod of correction,” “the cane of correction,” “the whip of correction.” It is designed to correct. It will drive foolishness far from him and he will become wise. Anytime he is doing something, he will be careful. For example, you sent the child to go and buy something for you, he went and saw that they were acting drama in the television. Then he sat there and watched the drama to the end. You asked him, “What happened to you?” and he said, “Eh, on my way to the shop the money fell down from me. I took all the time looking for the money and then, at last I got the money. When I reached the shop, the man was not there, so I waited for him.” If you raise the rod and say, “Come here, you will receive twelve strokes now.” The following day will he do like that again? No, he will not.

4.7 Disobey Ungodly Rules of the Government

Acts 4:6, 18-20

⁶And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

¹⁸And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

¹⁹But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

²⁰For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

That is what the Lord is telling you. Unfortunately some Christian parents in the country where the Government tells them not to beat the children submit to the rules not knowing that Satan wants to get their children from childhood. The child belongs to you. If you disobey that Government, you are obeying the commandment of God and He will give you wisdom that will direct you on how to handle things. Faith in God and boldness will help you. If you beat your children with the rod when he is less than one year old, he cannot report you. By three years old when he begins school he will become used to the use of cane on him when he does wrong and will not see it an offense to report to the Government. Do not fear the government.

Psalms 24:1

1The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

If the Lord wants you to stay in that land you will. He changes the decrees of kings. He changed it through Daniel. He changed it through Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego (people that were ready to jeopardise their lives for the God of heaven). The king bowed to God and pronounced the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego to be worshiped and feared all over the world,

Daniel 3:28-30

28 Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent His angel, and delivered His servants that trusted in Him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their Own God.

29 Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort.

30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, in the province of Babylon.

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Unfortunately, God does not have many courageous children that will give Him honour. Children He can act through in many nations. They are afraid and are submitting slavishly to the governments of their nations to their sorrow.

Jeremiah 10:1-3

- ¹Hear ye the word which the LORD speaketh unto you, O house of Israel:***
- ²Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them.***
- ³For the customs of the people are vain.***

The mind of God is clearly made known by this scripture: do not submit to vain customs and laws of the ungodly nations which are meant to destroy righteousness.

4.8 The Rod is Part of the Gospel of Jesus

Proverbs 23:13-14

- ¹³Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die.***
- ¹⁴Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell."***

Can you see that the rod is part of the gospel of Jesus that can save a child from Satan and from hell fire? Using the cane is part of the gospel of Jesus. Do not preach only with the mouth to that

child. Training involves the use of the rod. It will drive away Satan. It will make the child escape hell fire. That is what the word of God is saying. Do not mind, he will not die when he is beaten with the rod.

See the emphasis of the scripture, “Thou shalt beat him with the rod.” It did not say, “Thou shall beat him with the hand.” Be careful! Do not use your hand to destroy your child. Some children have gone blind by that. Some other children have gone deaf by that. The teeth of some children have pulled out by some wicked parents.

Do not be full of anger when correcting your child, because anger does not follow any formula. Anger is too fast to follow a formula. “Where is that cane?” And you begin to beat anyhow. That way you are also passing a wrong training to that child to go and do so to his own children. It is evil. Ye shall use the rod. He shall not die and the rod shall drive away evil from the child and shall save him from hell fire. That is what the word of God is teaching us.

Proverbs 29:15

¹⁵“The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.”

Are you getting some understanding? You are too lazy. You are always promising the child, “The day I catch you, eh! The day I rise up eh. The day I rise up eh!” Procrastinator! You are doing harm to yourself. As you rise and read the Bible, and pray,

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despite your tiredness, also rise up and beat the child when the child merits beating. Otherwise, shame is coming on you. Shame is going to be your portion tomorrow because you are not beating your child today. Also learn to give instruction, rebuke, and correction verbally to the child. Do this when he has done wrong. Do so in his good moments.

Proverbs 29:17

¹⁷“Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.”

Correct your son and you will rest. The influence of the peer group will be broken with the rod. “I saw you with this boy, come here, and receive some strokes of cane. Turn your back.” “Mummy I will not go out with him again. Daddy, daddy, I will never go to his house again. I will never go there. I will never go there again eih, eih.” God says correct thy son and he shall give you rest. You have been talking, talking and talking and it is not working. You talk and talk, and it is not working, use the rod and he shall give you rest.



Chapter 5

ASK GOD FOR WISDOM IN CHILD RAISING

Psalms 119:165

*¹⁶⁵Great peace have they which love Thy law:
and nothing shall offend them.*

Not all corrections require the use of a cane. Sometimes, some people, when the child is sleeping, will say, "I know how to handle him," and start beating him right from his sleep. The boy jumps up from his sleep startled. He cries, "Eh! Eh! Eh! Daddy what? Daddy what happened? Daddy?" It is wickedness! You did not tell him what he did wrong. If he did any he has forgotten. Such an approach may cause an emotional trauma to the child and hatred towards his parent.

5.1 Not All Correction Involve the Use of a Cane

If a policeman comes and handcuffs your hands, will you not ask him what happened? Why should it be your child that you will do that type of thing to? You have not told him what he has done and you just start to beat him. Will there not be

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judgement day before people will be sentenced to everlasting lake of fire? The judgement is for you to be told your fault, the reasons why you are being judged and condemned. Does not the judge in the court tell the criminal his fault? Why then do you beat a child without telling him his fault? Will that not cause him psychological damage? You can have a wise child which just requires a word of instruction and reprove to perfect his ways. When you have a wise child that perfects himself by a word of instruction, why must you embarrass him with beating?

Proverbs 23:15, 19, 24-26

¹⁵My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine.

¹⁹Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way.

²⁴The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him.

²⁵Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.

²⁶My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.

Proverbs 9:9-10

⁹Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

The beating of your child must also be controlled. If the beating becomes so frequent, it will lose its value. Reduce the frequency at which your child is beaten so that it will not lose its value. Make sure the rate of reduction does not also affect the effect of beating your child. Do it appropriately. Don't make beating be the only way of correction. Also, employ verbal counsel or rebuke as necessary. Sometimes you can just arrange a meeting between your child and somebody else. You can invite somebody and say, "Tell my child about this thing. Maybe when I am talking, he is afraid and is not hearing me. Can you help me tell my child this, this, this and this?" It works! The child will listen to that person in love, in friendliness and understand, instead of, "Daddy I have heard, I have heard you. It is okay, I have heard," while he has not heard anything. Wisdom is profitable to direct. Ask God for wisdom for child training. He will give you workable methods on each child.

James 1:5

⁵If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

5.2 Love All your Children Equally

Do not hate your child or treat him or her as if he or she is second class among your children. That will make the child harden his heart towards you. It will make the child also hate his siblings,

because as far as he is concerned, “Mummy does not love me” or, “Daddy does not love me.” Yes, we see that Isaac loved Esau and Rebekah loved Jacob, but do not bring such a thing so openly to those children. Ask God to help you to love all your children, because God loves us all. If the children know that you made one a second class, you will also be a second class father or mother to them. Do not consider it a method of discipline to the child to deny that you are his father. It may destroy his attachment to you for training. Even if he is an adopted child show your love and commitment to love him and your deep concern for his good and success. If, for any reason, you bought a gift and you will not give him because he displayed stubbornness, tell him so. You are giving pieces of meat and you gave 2 or 3 to one child and gave only one to the other, give the reason.

Ephesians 6:1-4.

¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

²Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)

³That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

⁴And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”

The child does not know what to do, yet you are always accusing the child, always beating that child. Your eyes toward the child are as fire. The

child will begin to think, “What happened? What did I do? If I did evil last week, when he corrected me, did I do another one? But what is the reason? Why is daddy always angry with me?” He will become angry with you and will make up his mind, “I know you hate me; do your worst!” So, please, be careful. Do not start beating the child for no reason. For no reason, no clear reason, you start mishandling the child until he begins to think that, “No! This is not my father,” or start wondering, “Was it this woman that gave birth to me? No! This woman hates me. I think this is not my home.” Do not provoke your children to anger. Be sincere before your children. Remember God is watching you and wants to see truth, righteousness and holiness of heart in you towards all your children.

5.3 Do Not use Evil Words on your Child

Proverbs 18:21

**²¹Death and life are in the power of the tongue.
He that loves it shall eat the fruit of it.**

You are always cursing that child! It is evil.

Romans 12:14

¹⁴Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

The child that is stubborn today will be good tomorrow, if you give him attention. When you caught a fever and stomach ache that troubled

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you for almost one month, did you not recover from it? What if you had destroyed that stomach? You would not have lived. Be patient with a stubborn child today. Tomorrow, the child will be good to you. Therefore, do not prophesy evil over your child. It is against God's word. Remember it is God that gave you that child and He has a purpose for the child. Why do you want to hand over that child to Satan? Do you not know that when you speak evil against him, you are commanding the evil spirit to take over him? Why are you handing God's child, which He graciously gave you, to Satan? Do not do that.

James 5:7,11

'Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.'

¹¹Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

Matthew 5:22

²²But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

Matthew 12:36

³⁶But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

Luke 18:7-8

⁷And shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto Him, though He bear long with them?

⁸I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?

5.4 Sacrifice for the Welfare of your Children

Sacrifice for the welfare of your children in education, provisions and love. Love is sacrificial. Let your children see what effort you are making toward their wellbeing, else they will curse you. Many are cursing their parents today because they did not educate them. They did not provide job for them. If there is no money, let them know. Call your children and tell them, “It is not that I have the money and refuse to train you. You yourselves can see it. Let us bear it. Life is not only in education. You go and learn carpentry, you go for tailoring work, and you go for this or that. God will bless you. See this person; see that other person, did they go to school? It was handwork that made him great. He is now a leader in the society.” Speak good words, words of blessing. They will hold onto your words. It will give them encouragement. If anybody laughs at them, they will stand on your words. Deal in humility and

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love with your children. Speak friendly to them. Make your children your best friends.

Ruth 2:13

¹³*Then she said, Let me find favour in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken friendly unto thine handmaid, though I be not like unto one of thine handmaidens.*

1 Kings 12:7

'And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever.

5.5 Learn to Play with your Children

Learn to play with your children. Do not be the type that they run away from as soon as they see you coming. If they were playing, they stopped as soon as they see your coming. Everywhere becomes cold and silent because of you. Even the little child that was crying will try to muffle his cry. If you do like that, what is the difference between you and Satan? The child is afraid of Satan, he is afraid of you too. It will deprive the child of parental love. Some children live in torment in the house because of the fear they have towards their unfriendly father or mother. The Bible says:

1 John 4:18

¹⁸*There is no fear in love; but perfect love*

***casteth out fear: because fear hath torment.
He that feareth is not made perfect in love.***

Perfect love casteth out fear. Why? Fear has torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. If you keep your children always in dread of you they will not have real love for you. That dread, that fear will block real love and joy for their parents up to their old age, and it will be to your hurt. You will find your child leaving home and never bothering to call you. They may never bother to visit home because, they have never learnt to love you; you have been a threat to them from childhood. So, do not make your life frightening to your children. Be in love with them. Play with them in love.

1 Corinthians 16:14

¹⁴Let all your things be done with charity.

Mark 12:29-31

²⁹And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord Our God is One Lord:

³⁰And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

³¹And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.



Chapter 6

TRAIN YOUR CHILDREN BY GOD'S WORD AND PRAYER

6.1 Lead your Children on the path of truth

Be truthful to your children and lead them on the path of truth. Do not teach them lies. “Johnny, that man that is coming over there is coming to disturb me. When he comes and asks of me, tell him I am not around. Did you hear me?” The boy answers, “Okay daddy.” When the man comes and asks, “Is your daddy at home?” “My daddy said, I should tell you he is not around.” Very simple! You know when they are growing up they have the understanding of truth. Brush and improve the quality of the truth they have and let them grow in that way. Do not turn them into liars. Do not train them to lie.

2 John 1-4

¹*The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth;*

²*For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever.*

³*Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus*

Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

⁴I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father.

Take note of the things you are saying concerning other people in the presence of your children. Your child will say so about others. A man of God came to the house of a sister and the woman gave the man of God rice to eat. You know rice and its behaviour. I think the spoon hit something and the rice scattered everywhere. When the man finished eating and left. The woman came with her daughter to clear the plates. As she was doing it, she remarked, "I don't like people who eat like monkeys. Look at rice scattered on the ground." The child heard but did not say anything at that time. Sometime later, when she saw that man of God coming to visit them, she ran to her mother and said, "Mummy! Mummy! That man that eats like a monkey is coming." The mother put foul language into the mouth of the child. The little girl has caught it and the mother stands guilty for teaching the child how to speak dirty language.

Ezekiel 16:44

⁴⁴Behold, everyone that useth proverbs shall use this proverb against thee, saying, As is the mother, so is her daughter.

If you want to speak about something sometimes, even good matters, it is better to excuse the child or keep it away from the child, because she is not

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old enough to understand such language. Her thought towards that matter will be childish.

1 Corinthians 13:11

¹¹Because when I was a child I thought like a child, but when I became an adult, I put away childish things.

Teach them to walk in the truth of God. That is what God expects of you.

6.2 Pray Always for your Children

Prayer! Prayer!! Prayer!!! To receive a child from God prayer is required. To keep the child in righteousness of God, prayer is required.

Ephesians 6:18

¹⁸“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.”

Prayer generates power. Pray for your children. Pray for them one by one. The Lord will hear you.

Psalm 3:4

⁴I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and He heard me out of His holy hill. Selah.

Psalm 4:3

³But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto Him.

Pray with fasting. Let the whole family pray.

Mark 9:29

“And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.”

The family can set a day, children day, to fast and pray for the children. The power of prayer on your child will make it impossible for him to be initiated by Satan. The enemy may try to do so, but it will not work; because he is committed unto God. If you suspect that your child has been initiated into witchcraft and you have been telling him to confess but he is not confessing, do not use force. Force will not do anything. Go to Jesus. A woman's child was tormented with a devil. She went to Jesus and said, “Lord Jesus, my daughter is lying at home, tormented with the devil.” She sought Jesus. She prayed, she cried, to Jesus, to “Have mercy.” She got the attention of Jesus and her daughter was delivered immediately. Get Jesus to deal with that demonic case of your son or daughter and you will have it done.

Matthew 15:22-28

“And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, Thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.”

“But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and besought Him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.”

“But He answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

²⁵Then came she and worshipped Him, saying, Lord, help me.

²⁶But He answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.

²⁷And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

²⁸Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

Settle it with Jesus, that demon shall vanish. Naturally all those properties will vanish from her. They will vanish from him. It is through prayer. It is not by beating him or threatening her with words, "I will pull out your eye." God will not support that type of thing. The Lord has many ways to convict him and make him confess and be delivered. Trust in God. Call upon God. The Lord may do it Himself or lead you to others to pray for him. Hold on God firmly for the deliverance of your child.

Isaiah 49:24-26

²⁴Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered?

²⁵But thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children.

²⁶And I will feed them that oppress thee with

their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am Thy Saviour and Thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

Pray. Take time to pray and believe God.

Matthew 18:18

¹⁸Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Stand on the promises of God. It shall work. Bind the devil in his life. Loose him from his power. If your wife is in secret society or your husband is a wizard or any member of your family is in the kingdom of darkness, go and settle it with God, that demon will lose its power. You will rule over that matter. You will rule over that situation. Your prayer will handle it. It will incapacitate the devil.

Luke 10:17-20

¹⁷And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Thy name.

¹⁸And He said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

¹⁹Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

²⁰Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the

spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

Job 22:26-28

²⁶For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty, and shalt lift up thy face unto God.

²⁷Thou shalt make thy prayer unto Him, and He shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows.

²⁸Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.

Ask God what you want for your children. There is a woman that came to Jesus, but her prayer was wrong. Her coming was good and she said, “Lord can you answer my request?” He answered, “What do you want Me to do for you?” If she had asked for some other thing the Lord would have done it but she asked for a wrong thing. She said, “I want you to make my two children to seat, one each side of your throne in your kingdom.” This was because two of her children were disciples of Jesus Christ. Selfishness was inside her prayer.

Matthew 20:20-23

²⁰Then came to Him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping Him, and desiring a certain thing of Him.

²¹And He said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto Him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.

²²But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not

what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto Him, We are able.

²³And He saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on My right hand, and on My left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of My Father.

But as for you, what do you want in your child? If you pray according to the will of God he will hear you and it shall happen to your son. It shall happen to your daughter. Keep praying for their marriage. Keep praying for a godly husband for her. Keep praying for a godly wife for him. In case he is still in sin and is not born again and is in the age of marriage, there are differences in sinners; there are sinners that can repent easily and there are sinners that repentance is far away from them. Pray thus, "God choose for my daughter. Choose for my son. Guide him, direct him." The Lord will answer your prayers. Pray for them in their schools.

Ephesians 1:16-18.

¹⁶Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

¹⁷That the God of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him:

Chapter 7

RAISING UP GODLY CHILDREN

7.1 Child Training is the Responsibility of the Christian Society

Know that rising up godly children is not only the responsibility of the mother, the father or the immediate parents. Many people are involved in the duty of raising children. Jesus Christ said, “Anyone that receives any of these children in My name receives Me.”

Mark 9:36-37

³⁶And He took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when He had taken him in His arms, He said unto them,

³⁷Whosoever shall receive one of such children in My Name, receiveth Me: and whosoever shall receive Me, receiveth not Me, but Him that sent Me.”

If you can take a child to yourself and train that child for Jesus, you have done a great work. It is Jesus you have actually received and are promoting. Get a child and train that child. It is not only the responsibility of the parents, but of the Christian society where we all belong. All of us

Christians, children of God, men and women of God have this responsibility to train the children, though the parents have the first responsibility.

2 Timothy 1:5

⁵When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

2 Timothy 3:15-17

¹⁵And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

¹⁷That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

Look at these, from a child, Timothy was trained. By who? By Eunice his mother. Mothers, give attention to training your children. Fathers, give attention to training your children. Sometimes one of the partners is more available than the other or one is converted and the other is not. Responsibility naturally comes to you who is available, the converted, a true Christian, and the visionary among the parents. Train your child! Train your child!! Train your child!!! Teach the child the word of God. Lead that child to Jesus, whether it is by play or by formal approach. Whichever approach, take it up and do it.

7.2 Be a Friend to your child

Make friendship with your child to make his obedience to your word easy. But do not become too common to him, lest your word loses its power over him. Do not be too playful also, lest he will commonise and ignore your words. From the training of the mother, Timothy got born again quite early in life. Lois gave birth to Eunice and trained Eunice. Eunice trained Timothy and brought him up in the way of God. I was told the mother of John Wesley had many children, about ten of them. She gave attention to the training of her children. Nine out of ten became great ministers of the gospel. The Lord is waiting for you to train your children for Him. He wants to use them. This is the endtime. He wants to pour down the Holy Ghost upon them to make them do wonders in this endtime. Give God children to use.

7.3 You Can Train Your Relations Too

Again, not only parents but family relations also can train the children for God. Mordecai trained Esther. Esther was a daughter to Mordecai's late uncle. So Mordecai took Esther to become his adopted daughter and gave her real training in godliness and righteousness. He that receiveth one of these little children, receiveth Me. And see what Esther did for God in her generation! Esther is an inspiration to us today. Why are you so selfish? There are some children of your relations that are wayward with nobody to care for them. Although you are to be careful not to bring in

Satan to your house to destroy it. Yet, there are those that you can reach with the message and salvation in Christ. You can pick them to raise them up for Jesus. One of your relations may be a Muslim. Why not persuade him that one of his children should come to stay with you? By this you may deliver a soul from hell. God will be happy with you that you have changed the future of that child and have delivered a soul from hell. There are many children going up and down, without parents or with poor parents, which you can help by the guidance of God.

7.4 You can Adopt or Train Children in Orphanages

Oh! You do not have children? You can adopt one, two, three, four or even five according to your ability to give them proper training. "He that receiveth such receiveth Me." If you do this you will be doing a good service for Jesus. You can have an orphanage where you gather all these homeless children to give them proper Christian training and you will be doing wonderful service for God. You can be a children teacher. With the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life, you can bring these children and teach them. You can go to churches and seek permission to teach the children. A particular brother said he went to teach in the children section of his church. He taught about hellfire. The children had never heard about that. They said, "Hmm? Hell? Where is it daddy?" They had never heard about hell. These churches assemble people and have

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nothing meaningful to teach them. Seek for opportunity to teach their children in the church service. Let them not be concerned with adults only because children do not have offering. God is their offering. Jesus is their offering. Gather them and give them training for theirs also is the kingdom of God. You will be doing wonderful service to God.



Chapter 8

THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH IN RAISING GODLY CHILDREN

God gave commission to parents on raising godly children for Him. Each parent is responsible for this duty. But we must also know that the church is also commissioned to raise up godly children for God. The gospel commission given to the church includes this duty.

Mark 16:15-16

¹⁵And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

¹⁶He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

The word "world" could also mean people's group. Hence, the world of men; the world of women; the world of children; the adults that are in the church come to worship God along with their children. As the church seeks to make them know God, believe in Jesus and consecrate in holiness in order to worship God acceptably, even so must the church do to their children. This therefore

means that a special attention must be given to the children to make them understand the gospel message clearly. The church will need the following:

(i) Communication Skill

Children should be preached to in the way they will understand so that they can believe and practice the gospel message.

1 Corinthians 14:7-9, 11

⁷And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped?

⁸For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?

⁹So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.

¹¹Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me.

(ii) Children Teachers

Attention should be given to train believers with the skill to teach children. These must not be the weak workers in the church but able men and women, born again and holy, with the vision and passion of raising children for Jesus.

(iii) Effective Evangelism Materials and Teaching Aids

The church should provide required materials for children evangelism. These include books, videos and other materials that will guide the children teachers in their work. The parents also need these materials to occupy their children at home.

1 Timothy 4:13, 15-16

¹³Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

¹⁵Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

¹⁶Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

2 Timothy 2:15

¹⁵Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

(iv) A Good Children Church

The church should have a good worship place dedicated to children. This will provide convenience for the teachers and the children. A good accommodation provides effective communication, listening and control. Where public address system is required, they should be provided.

(v) Special Program

Church evangelism and godly child raising should be given a good attention by the church. Hence as the church organizes various programs for the adults, so should the church also organize various special programs for the children to bring them to Christ and make them strong in the Lord.

Proverbs 11:30

³⁰The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

(vi) The Church Should Preach To and Teach the Parents

The church should preach to and teach the parents from time to time to awaken them to children training and to make them see the rewards of raising up godly children for Jesus.

2 Peter 3:1

¹This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

(vii) The Church Should Place Unfaithful Parents on Discipline

The church should place parents who are lazy and careless over their own children on church discipline to make them know the seriousness the Lord attaches to child training.

1 Timothy 5:20-21

²⁰Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.

²¹I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

Hebrews 12:5-6, 11

⁵And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him:

⁶For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth.

¹¹Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

(viii) The Church Should Organize Special Prayers and Intercession for Children

The church should organize special prayers and intercession for children's salvation, healing, deliverance, holiness and success. These should include prayer and fasting, and night vigil. These should be done regularly for the blessing of the children.

Matthews 19:13-15

¹³Then were there brought unto Him little children, that He should put His hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them.

¹⁴But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto Me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

¹⁵And He laid His hands on them, and departed thence.

(ix) The Church Should Fight Against Witchcraft Activities and Initiation

The church should pay attention to demonic activities and children initiation among the children that are coming from children teachers and fellow children.

Proverbs 27:23

²³Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds.

(x) Demonic Agents Among the Teachers and Children Should Be removed from the Fold to Preserve the Faith of Children.

(xi) The Prayer Warriors of the Church Should Visit the Children From Time to Time to Prayer Over Them and to Handle Demonic Cases Among Them

The time the church of God should not only rely on the parents for prayer and home training of their

children, but face children evangelism as a duty to make their children righteous and holy is now. Many of the parents are not born again or members of the church. Some parents also do not have the knowledge of truth to impact on their children. Some still cannot handle matters of initiation into witchcraft in their children. The church is vested with power and authority of Christ to set free the children from evil spirit. Let the church arise for this work.



Chapter 9

OTHER AGENCIES OF CHILD TRAINING

9.1 The School

The school is an arm of child training, but not in the moral and biblical sense. It provides education to the children in various aspects. The school employs various kinds of child discipline to handle children and make them submissive to educational training. This contributes positively to good behaviours in the children. However, the governments of some nations instruct school authorities not to beat the children. Instead, they train the children to report their parents to relevant authorities if they beat them at home. This decree has weakened the efforts of many schools on the children. The school also has adverse effect on the behaviour of children because of peer group influence. Many bad boys and girls go about corrupting other children through friendship. Some children get initiated into cultism or witchcraft by their friends. Sometimes it is the teachers themselves that spoil the children through immorality and occultism. As a result of these and other reasons:

- i) Parents must pray well to God for the appropriate school to send their children to for their spiritual safety.

Ezra 8:21-23

²¹Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of Him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance.

²²For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek Him; but His power and His wrath is against all them that forsake Him.

²³So we fasted and besought our God for this: and He was intreated of us.

- ii) The parents reserve the right to withdraw their child from one school to another when they notice the evil influence of the school in the child's life.
- iii) The child must be well checked during parent's visit or when he comes home on holiday to ensure he is not into friendship with evil boys or gone into evil life of any kind.

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iv) Wisdom requires the following from parents:

As parents employ the service of part-time teachers to give supplementary lessons to their children during holidays or even when they are still in school. Christian parents who desire excellent performance of their children in spiritual matters should also give part-time employment to committed Christian brothers or sisters to teach their children the way of the Lord at home to supplement their efforts. The benefits of this to the parents are greater than those gained from excellent performance of the children in the school.

Acts 18:26

²⁶And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

v) School gives gifts to children to inspire them to greater performance. Similarly, parents should inspire their children to greater spiritual performance by challenging gifts.

vi) Keep your child from being contaminated by children of neighbours, church members and relations. Evil children will influence your children in evil ways. Pray for good

friends for your children in the neighbourhood, in the church and at school.

vii) You can arrange with a godly family relation or a friend for your child to be with his family for a holiday. Your child will be excited for this opportunity and will surely humble himself in the new environment. This condition will make him take with excitement all that they will teach him. May God grant you more wisdom as you ask Him always.

James 1:5-7

⁵If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

⁶But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

⁷For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

Proverbs 8:1-5, 14

¹Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?

²She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.

³She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.

⁴Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the

sons of man.

⁵O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.

¹⁴Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength.

9.2 The Brotherhood

1 Peter 2:17

¹⁷Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

Hebrews 13:1

¹Let brotherly love continue.

We are brethren in Christ, having the same Lord Jesus, the same hope of heaven and the same goal, righteousness and holiness. As brethren, we must exercise brotherly love towards one another, because we are admonished to love our brother as we love ourselves. Love does good towards one another and not evil. Hence, the Bible says:

Deuteronomy 22:1-4

¹Thou shalt not see thy brother's ox or his sheep go astray, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt in any case bring them again unto thy brother.

²And if thy brother be not nigh unto thee, or if thou know him not, then thou shalt bring it unto thine own house, and it shall be with thee until thy brother seek after it, and thou shalt restore it to him again.

³In like manner shalt thou do with his ass; and so shalt thou do with his raiment; and with all lost thing of thy brother's, which he hath lost, and thou hast found, shalt thou do likewise: thou mayest not hide thyself.

⁴Thou shalt not see thy brother's ass or his ox fall down by the way, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt surely help him to lift them up again.

We are commanded to love one another. Love goes with good action to the favour of your brethren. We are encouraged, especially among brethren to help one another, protect one another and encourage one another. If your brother or sister in Christ has children that are wayward and you know what to do to help them out, seek to be of help to them by bringing solution to the calamity of their children.

James 5:20

²⁰Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

Where you can, you may do the following in love to assist your brother or sister in matters of their children:

- I) Love the children and seek their godliness.
- ii) Correct the evils you see them do, which the parents may not see. This is required of you by God. Do it in humility, love and wisdom.

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- iii) Report the evils of the children to their parents for their appropriate action.
- iv) Exhort and encourage the parents on godly child training.
- v) Give good Christian materials of edification to the children to encourage their godliness.
- vi) Pray for the children of your brethren or neighbours that the Lord may grant them salvation.
- (vii) Give good child-training materials to the parents and direct them to the right Christian assembly where they can have help.
- (viii) You can request for a child of a relation or a fellow brother to stay with you or you can adopt a child, just to train them up in the way of the Lord so they may become servants of God and ministers in His vineyard.

Esther 2:7,20

⁷And he brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid was fair and beautiful; whom Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter.

²⁰Esther had not yet shewed her kindred nor her people; as Mordecai had charged her: for Esther did the commandment of Mordecai, like as when she was brought up with him.

9.3 Orphanage home

There are those that open orphanage homes for

secular reasons. But believers can open orphanage homes to bring in abandoned or suffering children to raise them up for Jesus. This is done with a mind to protect them from evil and raise them up for Jesus. The Lord shall pour down His blessings abundantly upon the orphanage and the person doing this.

2 Corinthians 9:8-14

⁸*And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:*

⁹*(As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; He hath given to the poor: His righteousness remaineth for ever.*

¹⁰*Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)*

¹¹*Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.*

¹²*For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;*

¹³*Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men;*

¹⁴*And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you.*

Chapter 10

GOD'S PROPHETIC MESSAGE TO A MAN OF GOD AND HIS WIFE ON THEIR CHILDREN

The following message was sent to a man of God and his wife who both are serving God in Holiness Revival Movement Worldwide:

“Tell My servant that I love his service for Me and I want to use him to do more for Me, but Satan is using his family to displease Me. Ask the Wife: Do you believed in the doctrine of holiness My son, Pastor Rika, teaches? If you do, why are you careless with the children I gave to you? Do you know that your children are mine? Why are you allowing your children to use those accursed things: hair attachment, jewelleries, trousers, etc. that can take them to hell?”

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

¹¹And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Why do you not pity your children? I am speaking this to you, My daughter, as an act of grace to you in HOREMOW?

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

¹²Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

¹³Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

¹⁴Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

You are the one that supports those children to be the way they are due to your compromise. When you did not know this truth, your husband was hard on you because he wanted you to change. You too were stubborn against Me by refusing to remove those Jezebel properties on your body. However, I intervened by revealing the truth to you. Why do you not enforce this on them till I intervene, even if they resist it? It pains Me to see you and your husband pay little attention to enforce this

truth on your children.

I want you to know that My coming is at hand. I do not want your children to go to hell, considering the dedication of My servant, your husband, to My Movement, Holiness Revival Movement Worldwide. Do you think the children are young? If nothing is done now, you will not find them in the truth tomorrow. You are spoiling them through your gentle dealings. You grant all their desires!

My eyes are on your home where Satan has laid hand on your children to the bleeding of My heart. Your children are bleeding My heart. If you have given that house to Me, everything around you must be for Jesus. As long as they are in the house, they must comply to the standard. When they are away, they are free to live as they want, but not in your house.

Carelessness on the character of the children made Me to judge the house of Eli.

1 Samuel 3:12-13

¹²In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end.

¹³For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

Your husband is pleasing Me and is determined to serve Me. I do not want him to ask Me in time to come why I did not save his children.

Acts 16:31

³¹And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

My coming is so near. You make the children comfortable in all ways of life. Why supply their wild desires even to sinful things? Because of what your husband is doing for Me in My Movement, Satan wants to attack him as he did to Job. He is seeking to destroy his children. Do not tempt your husband to complain against Me. Your children are not fully under My coverage. Your daughter can dress like Jezebel and come to My house of worship and you do nothing about it? I want you to know that My desire is that people around you should know that you are not compromising. See My servant Paul Rika, his relations quake to come to him in their Jezebelic attires. They hide away these properties before coming to him. Although this is pretence, it is good to Me that My servant is hard on them. Now your children are believing that it is Pastor Paul Rika that is influencing their parents against them, because you are personally careless about their worldliness.

Your husband is working among the youths for Me. Now youths all over the world are doing their spiritual assignment. How about your children? Are they following My assignment? Should he not be an example by his children?

Titus 1:5-6

⁵For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are

wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:

⁶If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.

If you do not arise to handle them now, in your old age, you will be ashamed of yourself. In your eyes you will see them walk into hell. I appreciate the service of My Servant in My Movement, but the record is going under his name alone. Your sacrifice also is under your account alone, because your children will not inherit it.

Ezekiel 18:4-5, 10, 13

⁴Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

⁵But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right,

¹⁰If he beget a son that is a robber, a shedder of blood, and that doeth the like to any one of these things,

¹³Hath given forth upon usury, and hath taken increase: shall he then live? he shall not live: he hath done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon him.

I see that I am loosing your children. Woman, you do not love these children more than Me. Your children are purposely disobedient, yet their parents lavish money on them. Know that your money is Mine and you will give account of it to Me. My servant, do not waste your money to buy sinful

things for your children. Do not use your money to keep them in darkness. Your money should be used to enhance people for heaven. Do not play with sin; be firm and disciplinary.

Genesis 18:17-19

¹⁷And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

¹⁸Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

¹⁹For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which He hath spoken of him.

When the Lord was giving me this message for this man of God and his wife, I was confused. "Is this message not too hard?" I reasoned. Would they not say I am instigating them to hate their children? The Lord answered, "What do you mean? Is there hatred in this message? Do they prefer riches of this world for their children than heaven?"

Mark 8:36-37

³⁶For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

³⁷Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

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The Lord continues, “Ask the woman, How long have you been in HOREMOW? Are you seeing your children improving in the love of God year by year, by your gentle treatment?” The Lord continued, “because of your children, many are looking at you as a pretender. By the time they become adult, they themselves will be wild against you, because you are training them to love the world.

Man, take back your authority over your children. If you love your children indeed. Save them now. The time of My coming is at hand.

Philippians 4:5

***Let your moderation be known unto all men.
The Lord is at hand.***

Woman, there are things you are allowing the children to buy that are evil. In the shops, they choose evil things: hair attachments, weave-on, trousers, high heeled shoes, jewelry, evil property of adornment and body ornamentation, and you buy those things for them! In a wedding ceremony you attended, your child was called upon, according to the programme schedule to deliver a wedding ring to the minister to fix in the fingers of the bride and the bridegroom. Can you say you were not aware, before that event, of what your daughter was scheduled to do in the wedding, which thing I forbid?”

Revelation 3:19-22

¹⁹As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

²⁰Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.

²¹To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne.

²²He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

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The Aims and Objectives

HOREMOW is a non-denominational Ministry having the following aims and objectives:

1. To hold Crusades, Conferences and Revival meetings in churches and nations of the world, so as to bring sinners to Christ's salvation and believers to His holiness. (Acts 26:16-18).
2. To produce Christian literature that promotes salvation of souls, sound Bible teaching and holiness of believers in churches and nations of the world. (Luke 1:1-4).
3. To produce audio and visual taped messages for the spread of the gospel truth in churches and nations of the world.
4. To bring denominational churches into Christian

unity through the belief and practice of the faith once delivered unto the Saints.(Eph.4:12-15).

5. To support believers, ministers, ministries and churches with free Christian materials for their spiritual development in holiness.(Isaiah 65:1).

6. To raise members and supporters of Holiness Revival Movement Worldwide from churches and Christian ministries all over the world who will submit their lives to Biblical holiness and be spiritually, materially and evangelically equipped to make others righteous and holy in their churches and in the society around them.(2 Timothy 2:2).

7. To establish Christian bookshops in many places within and outside the nation, equipped with holiness materials for the promotion of holiness in the churches of Christ in the world.(Romans 17:17).

8. To establish a body of believers called Holiness Revival Movement in every Nation who will sponsor the production of the holiness materials of the ministry and other recommended holiness materials. (Acts 4:36;2 Cor.8:1-7).

9. To translate or interpret ministry materials into as

many local, national and international languages as possible.(1 Cor. 14:9-13).

10.To place the Ministry book: Escaping Hell Fire and Entering Heaven Made Simple by Pastor Paul Rika in hotels, hospitals, prisons and in places that can attract public reading, for the salvation of sinners and holiness of believers.(1 Cor.9:18-22).

11.To own Satellite Channels for the publishing of the messages and programmes of Holiness Revival Movement to the world.

12. To establish Bible colleges where believers and ministries can receive biblical and ministerial training for sound Christian ministry.(2 Tim.2:2).

13.To have ministry camp grounds in various quarters and nations where holiness camp meetings can be held regularly.(Hebrews 10:25).

14. To hold zonal, national and international holiness conferences regularly for the promotion and spread of holiness in the lives of believers and in Christ's Church.(Colossians 1:28,29).

15. To mentor Churches registered under the

ministry on sound doctrine, holy living and ministerial establishment.(Titus 1:5-14).

16. To support believers, ministers and ministries financially where required for their spiritual encouragement and establishment in holiness.

17. To have chapters of HOLINESS REVIVAL MOVEMENT in local Governments, states and nations, holding regular meetings, with clear goals and uniform operations, which are submissive to central administration.(Philippians 4:8,9;Hebrews13:17)

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