

God's View of Children
Biblical Parenting – Part 1
Life Church St. Louis – July 30, 2017
Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

Matthew 28:19-20a (ESV) Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

John 3:3 (ESV) Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

1 Corinthians 3:1 (ESV) But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ.

Hebrews 5:12 (ESV) For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food,

1. Children are a _____

Genesis 1:28a (ESV) And God blessed them [Adam and Eve]. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, ..."

A. God gives children for a _____

Psalms 127:3-4 (ESV) Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.

B. God desires _____ children

Psalms 127:5 (ESV) Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

Daniel 12:3 (ESV) And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

2. _____ the world's view of children

Mark 10:13 (ESV) And they were bringing children to him [Jesus] that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them.

A. _____ children to come to Jesus

Mark 10:14a (ESV) But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them,

B. Children can _____ to God's kingdom

Mark 10:14b (ESV) ... for to such belongs the kingdom of God.

3. _____ children as Jesus does

1 John 4:10 (ESV) In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

A. _____ to receive the kingdom as a child

Mark 10:15 (ESV) Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

B. _____ for and bless your children

Mark 10:16 (ESV) And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
 - Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

- How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

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Intro. In what ways is parenting physical children similar to discipling spiritual children?

How does Matthew 28:19-20 specifically apply to parents?

What are some of the characteristics of a new believer (John 3:3)?

Why is it that some believers remain infants in Christ for a long time (1 Corinthians 3:1)?

What is God's plan for every believer according to Hebrews 5:12? What does this verse say is the reason for believers missing God's plan?

1A. In what ways are children God's blessing to families (Genesis 1:28)?

1B. What is the purpose of children according to Psalm 127:3-4?

1C. Why is there a blessing for the family with many children (Psalm 127:5)?

1D. How do the prior verses apply to spiritual children (Daniel 12:3)?

1E. What popular views of children today are contrary to God's view?

2A. Why do you think that the disciples rebuked parents for bringing children to Jesus (Mark 10:13)?

2B. How was Jesus' view of children different than the disciples (Mark 10:14a)?

2C. What did Jesus mean when he said "for to such belongs the kingdom of God" in Mark 10:14b?

2D. Why do you think that 2/3 of born again Christians made their commitment to Christ before age 18?

3A. What can we learn from children about receiving the kingdom of God like a child (Mark 10:15)?

3B. How can we follow Jesus' example of blessing children in our families and church (Mark 10:16)?

3C. How do the principles we've studied regarding physical children apply to spiritual children?

3D. How should the principles of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) be applied within families?