

Giving Your Children To God

Introduction: "This year in America, approximately six million children will be born. Very _____ of them will actually grow up in Christian homes, and only a small percentage of those in Christian homes will be given to God" (Sexton).

- I. Thank God for the _____ of children (Psalm 127:3)
 - A. The Bible teaches that every _____ is given from the Lord.
 - B. Heritage means "_____."
 - C. Parents are simply _____ of the children God gave them (1 Cor. 4:2).
 - D. Jacob realized all his children were _____ from God (Gen. 33:1-5).
 - E. "Giving a child to God means desiring what the Lord _____ for that child" (Sexton).
 - F. Children are to be _____ to follow God's will for their life (Prov. 22:6).
 - G. "We are rearing them for Christ and for the mates they will meet and _____ someday" (Sexton).
 - H. Hannah knew what it really meant to _____ give a child to God (1 Sam. 1:10-11, 27-28).
 - I. Therefore, children are to be given _____ to God by the parents.
 - J. Jacob had to learn this lesson the hard way with _____ (Gen. 45:5).
 - K. Abraham was given an extreme _____ concerning Isaac (Gen. 22).
- II. Take the _____ moments of life to teach children about God (Deut. 6:1-12)
 - A. Children are supposed to learn about God in the _____.
 - B. Parents are the ones to teach their children about the _____ of God (Prov. 1:7).
 - C. A parent's number one desire should be that their children walk in _____ (3 John 4).
 - D. All grown men and women of today were once _____ boys and girls of the home and neighborhood.
 - E. What was put into them during that time has an _____ on what they are today.
 - F. "When thou _____ in thine house"—be in the home together!
 - G. Don't let your home be a hotel where people just _____ for the night.
 - H. "When thou _____ by the way"—the daily routines are golden moments.
 - I. Use every opportunity of the day to _____ children about the Lord and His Word.
 - J. "When thou _____ down"—bed time is a golden moment of each day.
 - K. Make it a habit to turn everything off and to focus on God and His _____ before you go off to sleep; _____ little minds with a Bible story and prayer.
 - L. "When thou _____ up"—set a good tone for each day by starting it right.
 - M. Don't allow Satan to ruin each morning with _____ (1 Cor. 14:33).

Conclusion: "This is why the home is so important. This is why we must seize the golden moments, because they do not last forever" (Sexton).