

THE "ONE THING" IN PARENTING

Behold, children are a gift of the Lord, Psalm 127:3-5

...the family of the godly stands firm. Proverbs 12:7 (TLB)

Single Parents: The Lord protects the strangers; He supports the fatherless and the widow, Psalm 146:9

The Most Important Aspect of Parenting:

My _____ with God and _____
And did not God make [you and your wife] one [flesh]? Did not One make you and preserve your spirit alive? And why [did God make you two] one? Because He sought a godly offspring [from your union]. Therefore take heed to yourselves, Malachi 2:15 (AMP)

Great _____ make great _____
The Lord says, "... You will be like a child that is nursed by its mother, carried in her arms, and treated with love. 13 I will comfort you ...as a mother comforts her child. Isaiah 66:12-13

Man and Woman together are the _____ of God
God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Genesis 1:27

God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man...then He took one of his ribs... The Lord God fashioned into a woman...For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. Genesis 2:21-24

Why is my marriage so important in parenting?

1. Together we represent _____
As for Me, this is My covenant with them, " says the Lord: "My Spirit which is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your offspring, nor from the mouth of your offspring's offspring, " says the Lord, "from now and forever." Isaiah 59:2

Casualness leads to _____

All that generation also were gathered to their fathers; and there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel. Judges 2:10

2. Unity in marriage creates _____
I and my Father are one. John 10:30 (KJV)

Large crowds followed Him Matthew 4:25

Can two walk together, unless they are agreed? Amos 3:3

3. Unity in marriage creates a home that is a _____
And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. Mark 3:25

4. As parents we are modeling _____
Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed. Proverbs 13:20

Two of the most important action steps you can take for your children:

1. Commit to _____ for marriage
A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. Ecclesiastes 4:12

Singles: Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? 2 Corinthians 6:14-15

2. _____ your marriage

Marriage started in a garden and is like a garden

Law of Life: _____
See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled; Hebrews 12:15