

Training Them up; Letting Them Go

Psalm 127

The first thing you need to know about rearing children is that it is not an easy task!

Let's take a test:

1. Name an Old Testament Priest with two wicked and unruly boys: **ELI**
2. Name an Old Testament Prophet whose sons did not follow in his ways but subverted justice: **SAMUEL**
3. Name an Old Testament King that was successful in public but failed in private with his family: **DAVID**
4. Name an Old Testament wise guy that wrote a book on child rearing and could follow his own advice: **SOLOMON**

Rearing children is not an easy task.

■ Consider your Children as a divine trust.

Psalm 127:3a Sons are a heritage from the LORD,

■ Consider your Children as a delightful treasure.

Psalm 127:3b children a reward from him.

Psalm 127:5a Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them;

Proverbs 17:6 Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children.

Psalm 128:3-4 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your sons will be like olive shoots around your table. ⁴Thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD.

■ Consider your children as designed for a task.

Psalm 127:4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth.

1. There is time spent in straightening.

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

a. Lead them to Christ.

b. Lead them to church.

c. Lead them in choices.

2. There is time spent in strengthening.

3. There is time spent in sharpening.

4. There is a time to shoot.

What is God's task for your sons and daughters?