

MARRIAGE - CHILDREN

Text: Luke 15:11 ([The Prodigal Son](#))



Marriage between a man and a woman is the product of their love for each other. As a result, a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh or will produce children (Genesis 2:24). God's orders are clear - to be fruitful and multiply (Genesis 1:28). Children are a gift from God (Psalm 127:3-5).

However, our children are soon grown. They pretend to dress themselves in a manner of adulthood by their actions. Little do they know that life is brutal and unkind. We, as adults, are keenly aware of what the world contains. Consequently, we are highly protective of our children...to a fault. Soon the young adults will begin to fight *you* for their 'freedom'. In today's lesson we discover one young man who fits the bill. Only after his inheritance has run out via 'riotous living' does he return from whence he came in humbleness and submission.



God's Special Care



The picture of the father receiving the son back into relationship is a picture of how we should respond to repentant sinners as well ([1 John 4:20-21](#); [Luke 17:3](#); [Galatians 6:1](#); [James 5:19-20](#)). "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" ([Romans 3:23](#)). We are included in that "all," and we must remember that "all our righteous acts are like filthy rags" apart from Christ ([Isaiah 64:6](#); [John 15:1-6](#)). It is only by God's grace that we are saved, not by works that we may boast of ([Ephesians 2:9](#); [Romans 9:16](#); [Psalm 51:5](#)). That is the core message of the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

Luke 9:46-48
Matthew 19:13

Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me...
"Suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for such is the kingdom of Heaven"

Psalms 127:3-5

Children are a gift from God.

Correction

Proverbs 10:1
Proverbs 13:24

"A wise son maketh a glad father but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother"
He that spareth the rod hateth his son

Proverbs 17:6
Proverbs 19:18
Proverbs 20:12
Proverbs 22:15

"Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers"
"Chasten thy son while there is still hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying".
"Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work is pure, and whether it be right".
"Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him."

Proverbs 29:15

"The rod of reproof give wisdom: but a child left to counsel himself bringeth his mother to shame".

Failure to Correct

Exodus 20:15,17
2 Kings 2:23-25

"He that smiteth his father/mother shall be put to death"
Elisha mocked by children and forty-two children killed.

Spiritual Standpoint

Ephesians 5:8

"For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: ⁹ (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) ¹⁰ Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 5:5

Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. ⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

1 Corinthians 13:11
Ephesians 6:1

When I was child a spake as a child..."

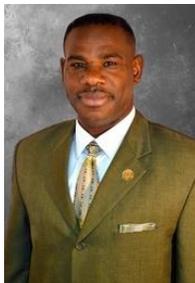
"Children obey your parents in the Lord..." **John 12:36** Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.

Revelations 3:19

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

Matthew 5:9

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God".



Bishop George Lockhart, Ed.D Pastor

The Church of the Living God, the Pillar and Ground of the Truth, Inc.

Lake Park Mission (www.clpgtclkpk.org)

561-252-7791 or Lockharg@att.net

Bishop Meharry H. Lewis, PhD, Chief Overseer Tuskegee, AL *Bishop Luke D. Lewis, District Bishop Riviera Beach, FL*

Please visit our General Church website at: www.clpgt.org