

A COUPLE THINGS PARENTS NEED TO UNDERSTAND

I. Children are a _____ from God – *Psalm 127:3*

A. The Psalmists understood this, *Psalm 127:3-5; 128:3; 139:13-16*

B. The Patriarchs and their wives understood this, *Genesis 4:25; 11:30; 17:16; 25:21; 29:31-35; 30:17-20, 22-24; 33:5; 48:9*

II. Children are a _____ from God – *Ephesians 6:4; 2 Timothy 1:5*

A. Our Goal as Parents: _____, *Malachi 2:15; Luke 2:39-41, 51-52*

B. Our Strategy as Parents: *Teach them to* _____, *Deuteronomy 6:1-3; Ecclesiastes 12:13; Ephesians 6:1-3*

C. Our Tools as Parents:

1. _____, *Deuteronomy 6:4-9*

2. _____, *Hebrews 12:7-11*

a) Words/Instruction, *Prov 6:20-22; 13:1; 23:22-23*

b) Example, *Prov 20:7; 14:26; 23:26-28*

c) Rod, *Prov 13:24; 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:15*

d) Natural & Logical Consequences, *Exodus 16:19-20; Deuteronomy 28; Joel 1:8-12; Romans 1:26-27*

3. _____, *Luke 1:76-79*