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Train Up A Child, Finale

Years ago I attended a prayer meeting where two little boys accompanied their mothers. The boys were supposed to play in the yard. They went outside, but every now and then they would open the front door and peer in. They would glance at one another and then go back outside. After they did this three or four times, they came into the foyer to get a better look. I heard this little voice say, "Still praying." They were only five or six years old, but their understanding and respect for prayer was wonderful.

When we teach our children, we must first teach them by example. We would be saddened to ask any child, "Have you ever seen your mother pray?" and hear them say, "No."

If we inquire, "Do you ever see your Daddy on his knees?"

We would desire their response to be, "Yeah."

If we question, "Do Mom and Dad read their Bible?"

Our heart would applaud when they said, "Yes."

Why? It is because the Word of God, the Spirit of God, and the church are more than a theory or a convenience. They are our life. They are life to our children.

If our children come to us and say, "I feel sick," we are going to pray. Yes, we will give them medical attention if they need it. I believe in medicine. But, our priority is to remind them of

God's promises and pray for them. Our children expect this because they have learned from us that Jesus is the Healer.

Now, this is an ideal situation. But, as you know, there isn't any perfect family. Sometimes husbands and wives, moms, dads, and children are not worth ten cents. Have you noticed that? Husbands come home from the office and wonder, "What did my stay-at-home-wife do with her time?" Wives often long for loving attention. And your children, sometimes you'd trade them for the neighbor's. "You take these two. I'll take your two." But we walk by faith, not by sight.¹ That's why people get a divorce. That's why homes deteriorate. We start walking by sight.

For many years, my heart's desire was for Wayne and me to mature in God and fulfill His plan for our life. Constantly, I said, "Wayne and Becky Combee grow together in the faith, reaching unto the height of the full stature of Jesus the Son of God." Anytime someone would ask, "How are things going?" I would give them that response. It was a walk of faith.

We must walk by faith. We must put God's marvelous promises about our family and our children in our heart and in our mouth. Through these promises, we can establish His will in our homes. As we speak His wonderful Word to our children, we train them to walk with Him. We bring His perfect peace to all that we do.

Together, let's listen as the voice of the Lord

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says, "The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children."ⁱⁱ Let's ponder carefully the promise of Psalm 112:2. "His seed shall be mighty upon the earth: The generation of the upright shall be blessed." But stop a minute and digest all the words of the Psalmist. He declares that the father of this "mighty seed" is an upright man who fears the Lord and delights in His commands. Similarly God's word of wisdom in Proverbs 20:7 says, "The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him." Do you see it? A man of integrity establishes blessings for His children. Yes, a lot depends upon us.

Deuteronomy 4 reiterates this truth. Here, the Bible commands us to teach our children, but it begins with these profound words. "Take heed to thyself and keep thy soul diligently." Oh, this is so

important. I'm going to read and study my Bible. I'm going to pray without ceasing. I'm going to be an example. Then, the Word of the Lord working in me influences my children. That's the promise of Almighty God.

We add to this great promise the word of Isaiah. Here God said, "I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thy offspring."ⁱⁱⁱ He said, "I will." I love that. Isn't this what we want for our children, our "mighty seed"? Isn't our desire to see the Spirit upon them, the Word in them, and God's blessings given to them? Certainly, it is. How does it happen? Where does godliness begin? I believe it begins with mom and dad.

ⁱ 2 Corinthians 5:7

ⁱⁱ Psalms 115:14

ⁱⁱⁱ Isaiah 44:3

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Fervent Prayer—Thank you to the prayer team for their faithfulness in prayer. Through prayer we have been protected in travel and doors of ministry have been effective.

Increased Finances—This has been a great year for us. Through your contributions we have been able to purchase a new color laser printer and remodel our office adding additional storage space and bookshelves.

Overseas Travel—Our hearts dream to make a minimum of three overseas ministry trips a year has been accomplished. Thank you ministry teams in Russia, Kenya, and Peru.

We thank God and our ministry partners for all you've done.

Wayne

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April

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