



Psalm 127:3-4

"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth."

Six Gifts our Children Need

1. The Gift of Yourself.

Colossians 3:12-14

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone."

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Forgive as the Lord forgave you. **And over all these virtues put on love**, which binds them all together in perfect unity."

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2. The Gift of Self-Worth.

Genesis 9:6

“Whoever sheds the blood of a man, by man shall his blood be shed; for **in the image of God** has God made man.”

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3. The Gift of Self-Reliance.

Colossians 3:15

“Let the **peace of Christ** rule in **your hearts**, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.”

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4. The Gift of Discerning value versus worth.

Matthew 6:19-21

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves **treasures in heaven**, where moths and vermin do not

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destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. **For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

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5. The Gift of Self-Discipline.

Titus 2:12

"It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live **self-controlled**, upright and godly lives in this present age"

Colossians 3:17

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, **do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

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6. The Gift of Faith in God.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. **Impress them on your children**. Talk about them when you

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sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”

Application:

- It is an awesome responsibility to be a parent.
- You are not called to be their friend, but rather their parent.
- If you parent well, friendship often emerges after they are adults.