

SATAN HAS PLANS FOR YOUR CHILDREN—DO YOU?

The Word of God is very clear about the reality of Satan, aka, the Devil. He is no make believe evil dude with horns and a pitch fork. In fact the Bible says that Satan is one of the most beautiful of all angels and that even today he can appear as an angel of light in order to deceive (2Cor. 11:14). This father of lies and master of deception has plans for your children. And his plans are always the same, he only comes to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10). And his favorite targets are the children of the righteous—notice that when Satan attacked Job, one of the first things he did was destroy his children (Job 1:18f).

This knowledge is not meant to frighten us, it is meant to rally us as parents. We must fully realize that there is a real battle between good and evil—between Heaven and Hell. And our families are right in the middle of it.

The Bible gives parents a number of commands that each of us must take to heart and plan to do our very best in.

1. First things first—seek to grow more in Christ everyday yourself (Matt. 6:33).
2. Understand and acknowledge that the enemy, spiritual battles, and eternal danger are all very real (1Peter 5:8).

3. Teach and lead your children by being godly examples before them 24/7 (Deut. 6:7).

4. Actively plan for, and train, your children from the earliest age up to adulthood in the things of God (Deut. 6:7; Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4).

5. Do not withhold discipline and correction when necessary; it is for their ultimate good (Prov. 22:15; 29:17).

6. Faithfully bring your children to the House of God for corporate worship, Bible instruction, and fellowship (Heb. 10:24-25).

7. Diligently guard your home from Satan's onslaughts through media such as TV, movies, video games, internet, magazines, books, etc. (Psa. 101:3). Again, lead the way for them as a godly example.

8. Pray everyday for your children. Hold them up by name before the Father's Throne of mercy and grace. And don't forget to use your prayer language and allow the Holy Spirit to intercede on their behalf.

Then—having done all—stand. Stand in faith believing for your children. Because God has plans for your children too (Jer. 29:11). And God's plans are always for their eternal good!

