

Mother's Day

"Truly Blessed"

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Proverbs 20:7 (ESV)

THE SOURCE OF BLESSING FOR CHILDREN

1. Many parents believe that blessing their children is based on _____ things for them.

- For many parents, it's about doing, doing, doing...what to buy, where to live, which school to enroll in, what lessons to take, etc.

- This isn't incorrect, but it's incomplete.

2. But, blessing children is based primarily on _____ - that is, who parents are as persons and how they live their own lives.

- In God's economy, the nature and actions of parents have the greatest effect on their children's blessings.
- Parents can do all the right things for their children but if they are flawed in their being, then their children can reap consequences instead of blessings (Numbers 14:18).

THE QUALITIES THAT COUNT AS PARENTS

1. A strong _____ with God.

- "righteous" = one who has a blameless standing before the Lord based upon a personal relationship with God.

- This describes parents who not only believe in the Lord, but also out of an overflow of their relationship with God, live out their faith according to God's standards.

2. A life of _____.

- Character counts. The integrity of parents will extend to the lives of their children.

CENTRAL TRUTH

The parents' personal relationship with God and the integrity of their lives have the greatest effect on their children's blessings.

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