

Deut. 5:10, "... showing steadfast love to thousands [of generations] of those who love me and keep my commandments."

2 Timothy 1:5, 3:15, "... a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in your as well. ... how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings..."

Ephesians 6:1-3, "Children..."

Mark 10:14, "Let the children come to me..."

Malachi 2:15, "And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring."

Q: How can I make progress in family worship?

→ ["Family Worship: who, what, how?"](#)

Q: I wish that I had known this years ago. And I wish that I hadn't made such a mess. My children are now teenagers (or older). Is it too late? How can I deal with this – and with my regrets?

Dating, marriage and children: it's a CHURCH project

Questions and answers!

Q: How SHOULD Christians date?

- A "dating friendship" ...
 - Choosing NOT to express romantic feelings
Song of Songs 2:7, "Do not arouse or awaken love until it so desires."
 - In practice
- "Sex, dating and relationships", Gerald Hiestand and Jay Thomas

Q: If I'm divorced what relationship "lane" am I in? Can I change lane?

→ ["Thinking biblically about divorce and remarriage"](#)

Q: What if you've sinned? E.g. had sex before marriage

Q: Training boys and girls in godliness is most important. Is there any point in normal "education"?

→ ["Being male, being female" \(Autumn 2023\)](#)

Q: Do you REALLY need to know Christ in order to love? Can't non-Christians show real love?

Q: HOW do you NOT give your heart to a non-Christian? What does this actually mean?

- Self control
- Guarding the heart

Q: How can you be honest and seek help/support for your marriage without betraying your spouse?

Q: How can we break down barriers within the church? E.g. between single and married people

Q: How does practising hospitality stop selfishness? (I feel quite selfish while doing it...)

Q: What does it look like to fold your family into church?

Q: Is it wrong for a married couple to decide that they don't want children?

- Genesis 1:28, "Be fruitful and multiply..."
- Marriage → Sex → Children

Q: What does it mean that the children of Christians are in God's "covenant"?

- A believer's children are "covenant" children

1 Corinthians 7:14, "... Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy."

Acts 2:39, "For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

- Covenant people are commanded to covenant faithfulness

Psalm 103:17-18, "But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments."

Warning: there are three ways to live...

see Psalm 95:7-11, Hebrews 3:7-19, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

- Christian parents can have a "holy expectation"
"a holy expectation based on who God is and what He does and on His promises with regard to our children" (Joel Beeke)

1 Corinthians 7:14, Acts 2:39

Joshua 24:15, "... But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Psalm 71:5-6, "Upon you have I leaned from before my birth."