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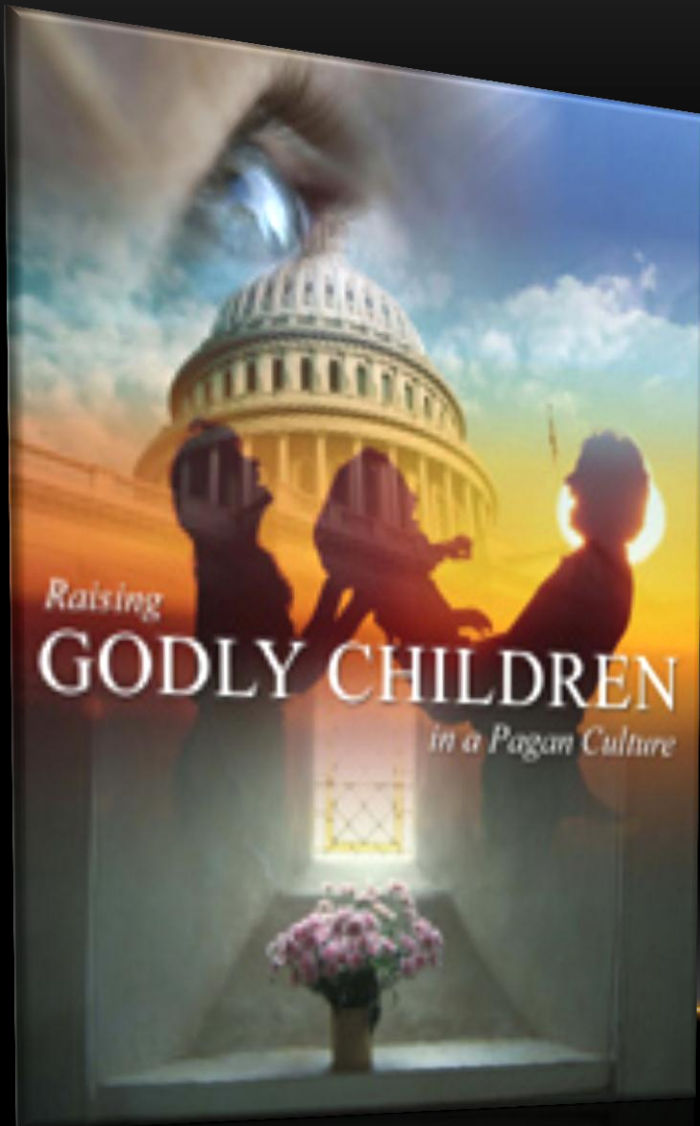
Judges 2:10-13 (NKJV)

¹⁰ When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the LORD nor the work which He had done for Israel. ¹¹ Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baals; ¹² and they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; and they followed other gods from *among* the gods of the people who *were* all around them, and they bowed down to them; and they provoked the LORD to anger.

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We Live In A Culture Hostile to Godly Values

- ✦ Television, movie, and music industries glorify immorality of all kinds – especially sexual sins., while ridiculing godliness -
- ✦ Government education promotes immorality and tolerance for every form of ungodliness – while forbidding exhibitions of faith in Christ -
- ✦ Naturalistic Evolution and humanism are taught in public schools at every level -

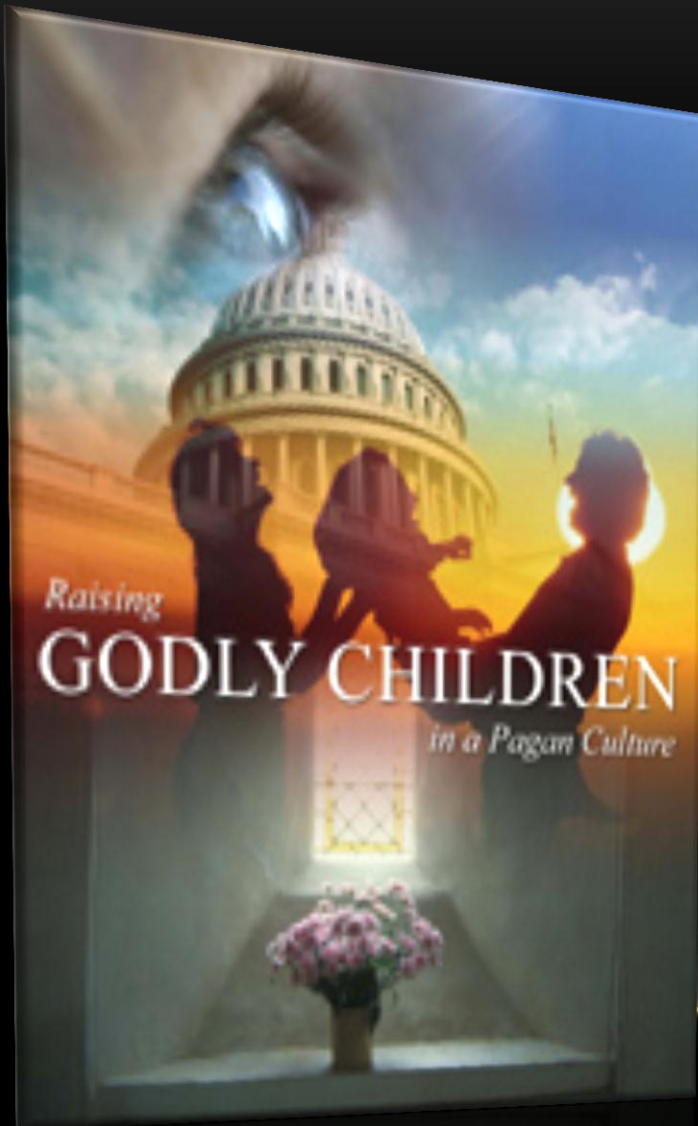


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✦ The world's attack on the family

- ❖ Diminished respect for marriage -
- ❖ Unfaithfulness in marriage -
- ❖ Rise in divorce rates –
- ❖ Destroying gender role distinctions -
- ❖ Distractions - Busy mom's and dad's
- ❖ More focus on the secular than the holy . . .



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Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV)

⁶ Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

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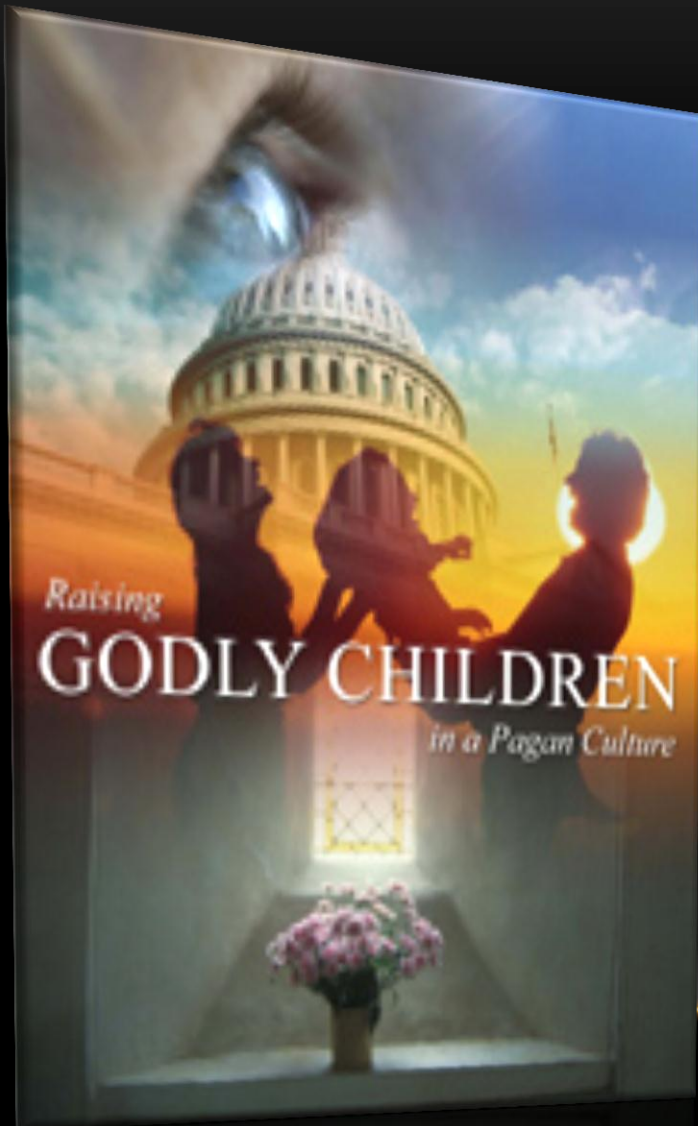
Ephesians 6:1-4 (NKJV)

¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² *"Honor your father and mother,"* which is the first commandment with promise: ³ *"that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."* ⁴ And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

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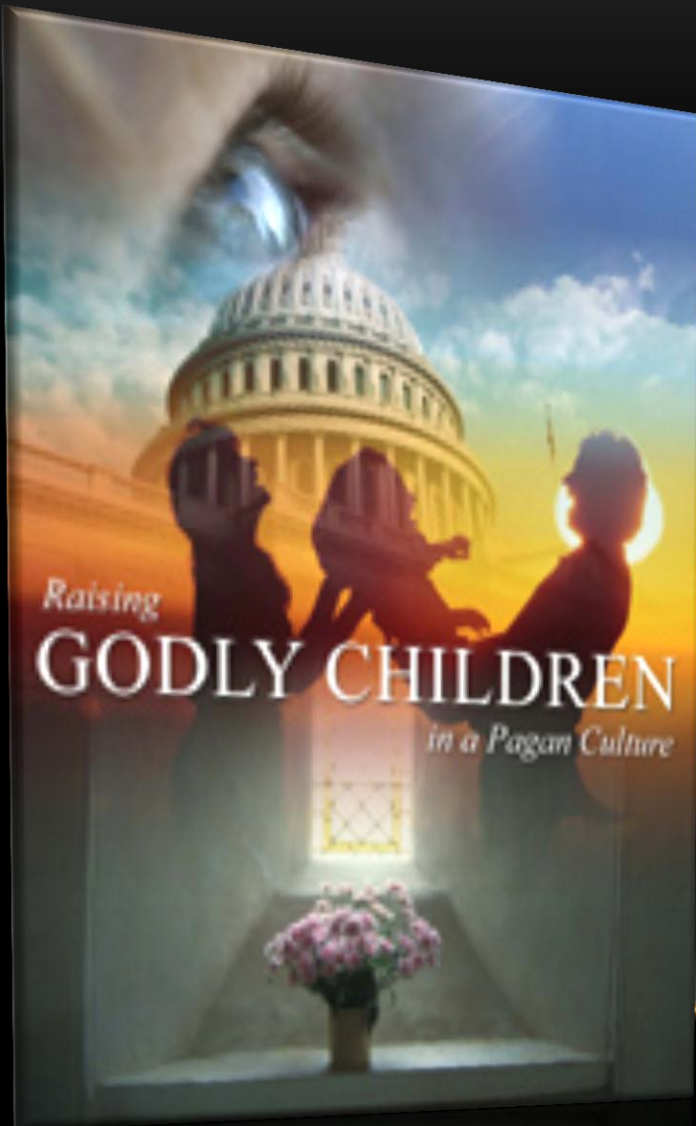
- ◆ Children are a heritage of the Lord – Ps. 127:3
- ◆ Stewardship implies responsibility - 1 Sam 2:29, 31-34; 3:13
- ◆ Being a good steward takes effort – Luke 12:42,43
- ◆ Too many stories of regret by parents who realize they failed their children!



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- ◆ One generation from apostasy
- ◆ If we do NOT train our children – the world will!!
- ◆ Your acceptance or rejection of your duties as a parent will be your real legacy –



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Teach Them How To Love By Loving Them – Titus 2:4



- ◆ To love them is to value them – to seek their best interest – (our true values will be seen in what we seek for our children)
- ◆ Love them by teaching them to love God – by loving God – Deut 6:4,5

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Teach Them God's Word - (Deut. 6:6-9)



- ◆ Begin teaching them the scriptures early – 2 Tim 3:15
- ◆ Teach them “diligently” – keeping it before them at all times – Dt 6:7,8
- ◆ Teach them by living it – Dt 6:7-9; Gen 18:19;

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Discipline Them Properly - (Prov. 13:24)



- ✦ This includes positive teaching and training – teaching them to respect authority – especially God’s – Psalm 34:11-14; Prov 3:1-7; Ecc 12:13
- ✦ Teach them to think – discerning right from wrong – Prov 4:1-27
- ✦ Punish disobedience – Prov. 13:24; 22:15; 23:13,14; 29:15,17; Heb 12:7-9

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Teach Them To Worship God - (John 4:24)



- ✦ Teach them the value and importance of assembling with the saints – Psalm 122:1; Heb 10:24,25
- ✦ Teach them to reverence God - the importance of following God's instructions – Lev 10:3; Heb 12:28

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- ◆ By consistently attending every service – punctuality
- ◆ Teaching them to be quiet – listen to the lessons – stay seated
- ◆ Teaching them to participate in the worship –
- ◆ Training them to take part in the work of the church -

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Regulate Their Friends - (Prov. 13:20)



- ✦ Do not be deceived into thinking that worldly friends will not negatively influence your child – 1 Cor 15:33
- ✦ Children may see it as intrusive, especially in the teenage years, but it is necessary – it is your duty to protect them.

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Dress Them Appropriately - (Prov. 7:10)



- ◆ Teach them the meaning and importance of modesty – 1 Tim 2:9
- ◆ Like it or not, clothing sends a message – why would parents dress their daughters like an ungodly music star – or their sons like a thug?

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Get Them Involved In Good Works (Titus 2:14)



- ✦ Children need to see you fulfilling God's command to love your neighbor (Lk. 10:25-37).
- ✦ Getting them involved in helping others consistently will train them to be conscious of others needs.

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- ◆ What are your children watching, hearing, reading & doing?
- ◆ Where do they go & with whom? 1 Cor. 15:33
- ◆ What are they wearing?
- ◆ What are their priorities?
- ◆ Where are they heading?

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- ◆ Your duty is to help them develop their mind, attitude and character according to godliness –
- ◆ Help them to develop a desire to please and serve God –
- ◆ Help them to develop a strong faith in God and His word –

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Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (NKJV)

¹ "Now this *is* the commandment, *and these are* the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe *them* in the land which you are crossing over to possess, ² that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.

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³ Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe *it*, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you--'a land flowing with milk and honey.' ⁴ "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one! ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

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