

Should a married couple have children? If they do, how many children should they have? And how can they train their children to love and serve Jehovah? This article presents modern-day examples and points to Bible principles that can help us answer those questions.

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Ftn: Or “Children.”

Paragraph 1

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Paragraph 3

(Galatians 6:5) For each one will carry his own load.

(1 Thessalonians 4:11) Make it your aim to live quietly and to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we instructed you,

Paragraph 5

(Ephesians 5:33) Nevertheless, each one of you must love his wife as he does himself; on the other hand, the wife should have deep respect for her husband.

Paragraph 6

(Genesis 6:18) And I am establishing my covenant with you, and you must go into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

(Genesis 9:18, 19) Noah's sons who came out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Ja'pheth. Ham later became the father of Ca'naan. 19 These

three were Noah's sons, and all the earth's population came from them and spread abroad.

(Genesis 10:1) This is the history of Noah's sons, Shem, Ham, and Ja'pheth. Sons were born to them after the Flood.

(2 Peter 2:5) And he did not refrain from punishing an ancient world, but kept Noah, a preacher of righteousness, safe with seven others when he brought a flood upon a world of ungodly people.

(Matthew 24:37) For just as the days of Noah were, so the presence of the Son of man will be.

(2 Timothy 3:1) But know this, that in the last days critical times hard to deal with will be here.

Paragraph 7

(Luke 14:28, 29) For example, who of you wanting to build a tower does not first sit down and calculate the expense to see if he has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, he might lay its foundation but not be able to finish it, and all the onlookers would start to ridicule him,

(Proverbs 21:5) The plans of the diligent surely lead to success, But all who are hasty surely head for poverty.

Paragraph 11

(Judges 13:8) Ma·no'ah pleaded with Jehovah and said: “Pardon me, Jehovah. Please let the man of the true God whom you just sent come again to instruct us about what we should do with the child who will be born.”

Paragraph 12

(Deuteronomy 4:9, 10) “Just be careful and watch yourself closely, so that you may not forget the things that your eyes have seen and

so that they may not depart from your heart all the days of your life. You must also make them known to your sons and to your grandsons. 10 On the day that you stood before Jehovah your God in Hor'eb, Jehovah said to me, 'Congregate the people together to me so that I may let them hear my words, in order that they may learn to fear me all the days that they are alive on the ground and that they may teach their sons.'

(Luke 2:41, 42) Now his parents were accustomed to go from year to year to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. 42 And when he was 12 years old, they went up according to the custom of the festival.

Paragraph 14

(1 Corinthians 15:33) Do not be misled. Bad associations spoil useful habits.

Paragraph 15

(Proverbs 13:20) The one walking with the wise will become wise, But the one who has dealings with the stupid will fare badly.

Paragraph 17

(Proverbs 22:6) Train a boy in the way he should go; Even when he grows old he will not depart from it.

(2 Timothy 1:5) For I recall your unhypocritical faith, which dwelled first in your grandmother Lo'is and your mother Eu'nice, but which I am confident is also in you.

(2 Timothy 3:15) and that from infancy you have known the holy writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Paragraph 18

(Deuteronomy 6:6, 7) These words that I am commanding you today must be on your heart, 7 and you must inculcate them in your sons and speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road and when you lie down and when you get up.

Paragraph 20

(Psalm 127:superscription-5) A Song of the Ascents. Of Solomon. 127 Unless Jehovah builds the house, It is in vain that its builders work hard on it. Unless Jehovah guards the city, It is in vain that the guard stays awake. 2 It is in vain that you rise up early, That you stay up late, That you toil for your food, Since he provides for his loved ones while giving them sleep. 3 Look! Sons are an inheritance from Jehovah; The fruit of the womb is a reward. 4 Like arrows in the hand of a mighty man, So are the sons of one's youth. 5 Happy is the man who fills his quiver with them. They will not be put to shame, For they will speak with enemies in the city gate.

(Psalm 127:4) Like arrows in the hand of a mighty man, So are the sons of one's youth.

Paragraph 22

(Proverbs 23:24, 25) The father of a righteous one will surely be joyful; Whoever fathers a wise son will rejoice in him. 25 Your father and your mother will rejoice, And she who gave birth to you will be joyful.