

Parents & Children

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When I look at the newspaper, or TV news, and see crimes done by various individuals I can't help but wonder about how they came to do these things. Each one of the drug users, dealers, thieves, murders, and all others doing evil, were once little children. Every child is precious and totally dependent on parents for what ever they need in life. Not only for the physical needs, but for the spiritual as well.

Sadly many wind up in a sinful lifestyle because mom and dad lived such an example before them. In many cases mom and dad are not together and the children suffer for it. Grandparents often are forced to try to raise grandchildren because the parents won't. Their money is spent on drugs, and everything but their children. This is not fair to the children, or the grandparents. Abortion, killing a helpless unborn child, is a sin, but, so is neglecting and abusing children and (grand)

parents.

Psalms 78:1-8, "Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old: Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done. For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children: That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments: And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God."

Children are a precious gift of God that bless our lives. We should do our best to pre-

pare them to face life, not only for this world, but to know about God and to have faith in him. It is the duty of the parents to do this as we see in scripture.

2 Timothy 1:5, "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also." Timothy was blessed with a godly mother and grandmother. We don't know about the men in his life, but the women were a great example for him. They taught him to believe in God and to trust him. Life is more than making a living and seeking entertainment. Life on earth is but a small part of our existence. We have an eternity to spend and how we use the time in this physical life determines where we spend the rest of it. Our children are under our care for such a short time. Make the most of the time that you have with them. Teach them about the Lord and living the right kind of life. Don't leave it to chance that they'll turn out alright. Remember that no one goes to heaven by accident.

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THE MAN WHO BURIED JESUS



JOSEPH OF ARIMATHAEA, A RICH MAN, WAS A SECRET DISCIPLE OF JESUS. MANY WEALTHY JEWS OF THE TIME WERE FINANCING REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS IN THE HOPE OF OVERTHROWING ROMAN RULE IN THEIR LAND - FOR, BESIDES THE HIGH ROMAN TAXES, THEIR ANCIENT RELIGION WAS IN DANGER OF BEING STAMPED OUT! WHETHER JOSEPH SAW IN JESUS, THE PROCLAIMED MESSIAH, A MAN WHO WOULD END ROMAN RULE OR IF HE UNDERSTOOD AT THE OUTSET THAT JESUS WAS CONCERNED WITH MAN'S FUTURE IN ITS SPIRITUAL ASPECT ONLY, IS NOW HARD TO SAY.

AS AN EXTREMELY WEALTHY MAN, JOSEPH WAS A MEMBER OF THE SANHEDRIN, THE HIGHEST RULING COUNCIL IN JERUSALEM. WHEN THE SANHEDRIN LAID PLANS TO DESTROY JESUS, HE MADE NO PROTEST WHATSOEVER, INDEED, IF HE HAD, HIS OWN LIFE WOULD HAVE BEEN ENDANGERED. IT'S QUITE POSSIBLE HE FIGURED HE WAS WORTH MORE TO THE CAUSE ALIVE RATHER THAN DEAD!

IT IS INDICATIVE OF THE MAN'S HIGH POSITION THAT, RIGHT AFTER JESUS' DEATH ON THE CROSS, JOSEPH COULD GAIN AUDIENCE, IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT, WITH PONTIUS PILATE TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO REMOVE THE BODY FROM THE CROSS AND BURY IT. WHICH HE AND NICODEMUS, ANOTHER RULER OF THE JEWS AND SECRET ADMIRER OF JESUS, DID.

SOME AUTHORITIES ARE AGREED THAT IN THE YEAR 63 THE APOSTLE ST. PHILIP DISPATCHED JOSEPH TO GREAT BRITAIN WHERE HE LIVED OUT HIS REMAINING YEARS IN COMPANY WITH HIS BROTHER DISCIPLES AT GLASTONBURY.

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