

A group of people are seated around a dining table in a restaurant. The table is set with various dishes, including a large bowl of dumplings, a glass of wine, and a bottle of beer. The people are engaged in conversation and eating. The image has a warm, slightly blurred aesthetic with a dark overlay.

Glorify the Creator

Genesis 18:16-19

*“The Role of Parents is to
Glorify the Creator”*

Gen. 18:16 And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.

17 And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

19 **For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD,** to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

“The Role of Parents is to Glorify the Creator”

Review

I. THE ROLE OF MARRIAGE IS TO GLORIFY THE CREATOR

II. THE ROLE OF THE HUSBAND IS TO GLORIFY THE CREATOR

III. THE ROLE OF THE WIFE IS TO GLORIFY THE CREATOR

IV. THE ROLE OF PARENTS IS TO GLORIFY THE CREATOR

A. Biblical Parenting Includes a Relationship with the Creator, vs. 17 & 19

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1. Parents need to know the Lord. “For I know him...”
– v. 19

Mt. 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And **then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me,** ye that work iniquity.

2 Tim. 1:12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for **I know whom I have believed,** and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

1 Jn. 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; **that ye may know that ye have eternal life**, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

2. Parents need to follow the Lord. “...that he will command his children...” – v. 19

- Parents lead the home as they follow the Lord.

Josh. 24:15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, **choose you this day whom ye will serve**; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: **but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.**

3. Godly parents are dedicated. “...and they shall keep **the way** of the LORD...” – v. 19

Prov. 22:6 **Train up** a child in **the way** he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Original Word: חָנַךְ

Transliteration: chanak

Short Definition: dedicated

<http://biblehub.com/hebrew/2596.htm>

חָנַךְ properly, to narrow; figuratively, to initiate or discipline:—dedicate, train up.

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/Lexicon/Lexicon.cfm?strongs=H2596&t=KJV>

Jn. 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way**, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

- The parent who loves and honors Christ is **dedicated** to training their child to glorify Christ – all the time, everywhere!

Deut. 6:5 And **thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.**

6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

7 And **thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children,** and shalt **talk of them** when thou **sittest in thine house,** and when thou **walkest by the way,** and **when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.**

8 And thou shalt bind them for **a sign upon thine hand,** and they shall be as frontlets **between thine eyes.**

9 And thou shalt **write them** upon the posts of **thy house,** and on **thy gates.**

- Is every one of your children saved?
- Is every one of your children serving the Lord and in church?
- Is every one of your children training their children to honor and serve the Lord?

19 **“For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment...”**

B. Biblical Parenting Involves a Relationship with Creation,
v. 18

Gen. 18:18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, **and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?**

- The ramifications of parenting have consequence in the future.

Job 21:17 How oft is the candle of the wicked put out! and *how oft* cometh their destruction upon them! *God* distributeth sorrows in his anger.

18 They are as stubble before the wind, and as chaff that the storm carrieth away.

19 **God layeth up his iniquity for his children:** he rewardeth him, and he shall know *it*.

20 His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty.

- Unspiritual parents too often produce unspiritual children.

Ex. 20:3 Thou shalt have **no other gods before me.**

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness *of any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth:

5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, **visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;**

Ezek. 16:44 Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall use *this* proverb against thee, saying, **As is the mother, so is her daughter.** 45 **Thou art thy mother's daughter, that lotheth her husband and her children;** and thou *art* the sister of thy sisters, which lothed their husbands and their children: your mother *was* an Hittite, and your father an Amorite.

- As parents follow the Lord, the children benefit.

Prov. 31:28 **Her children arise up, and call her blessed;** her husband *also*, and he praiseth her.

Prov. 20:7 The just *man* walketh in his integrity: **his children are blessed after him.**

- Abraham's influence is over 4,000 years old, and still effective!
- We can have more influence for the future than we realize!



Summary

The most important human influence upon a child is the example of the parent(s) in the home.

Who are your child's friends?

What music does your child listen to, regularly?

What programs/movies does your child watch?

What website does your child visit?

Where are they going to meet others?

What are the plans of your child for the future?



The greatest hindrances to parental success:

- Parental absence of involvement
- Inconsistent or bad example at home
- Outside influences (friends, music, school)
- The child's adamic nature.

Are your children involved in youth groups, AWANA, choir, ACE, etc.?

Do you pray daily WITH your children, have devotions, etc.?

Conclusion

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