

# An Heirloom!



**A cool breeze** caught me by surprise, as I stood in my laundry room this morning. It was so welcoming and unexpected.

The small window on the north side of our house looks out into the garden from the laundry room. As I felt that cool breeze, I was reminded again of life's little pleasures. Standing there each morning, I see trees, rabbits, birds, and tiny ground squirrels. It does my soul good to pause from the mundane things of life, and gaze a bit.

**BUT TODAY** it was more than a fleeting thought of birds and cute little critters that I had. I thought of how He sends little people into our homes, little children. We watch them in amazement, as they reach out, learn and grow. That little child is the most valuable gift we shall ever receive. The little birds and animals will not meet God someday, but our children have eternal souls.

**A CHILD** is to be appreciated. No house or job or car or earthly possession will bring more joy than our children. We must invest much time and energy into their spiritual lives. Like a cool breeze, the blessing of obedience will come back to us, as they mature.

Sad, so many parents push their children away, and pursue other things. The Bible says "A child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." (Proverbs 29:15) Children need to be patiently, lovingly taught, day by day. They need our discipline, and our encouragement, with an eye on the future.

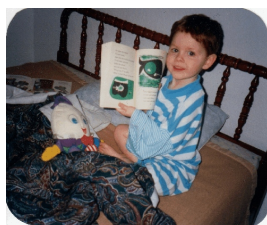
**REST IS THE RESULT** of training our children in the ways of the Lord.

*"Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest ; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul." (Proverbs 29:17) Mothers (and Fathers), let's remember that we are put here on earth to shepherd our children, the sheep of our flock. Our salvation, and godly living are paramount to their healthy love for Christ.*

Psalm 127:3 says: "Children are an heritage of the Lord, the fruit of the womb is His reward."

Heritage means "heirloom". Heirloom is a beautiful word that is best described as "something valuable, handed down from one generation to another."  
(See Psalm 145:4)

The Lord reminds us that children are an "heirloom" of God. What a thought! We have something valuable and costly in our hands. Appreciate the precious reward God has given you. Love, nurture and train your child well, ....as a gift to the next generation, and ultimately for Christ.



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