Biblical Encouragement for Moms September 1, 2013

"Wonderfully Made"

God made each of our children with a divine purpose in mind. Each child has some characteristics that will work together for good in a specific career or ministry for Christ. As parents, we are to guide our children in right paths, to use those specific gifts for God's honor and glory.

Don't be surprised if the Lord leads you into new territory as you search out ways for your children to use their gifts and talents. But be careful, for the world will try to lure them into using their gifts for their purposes!

Your children are fearfully and wonderfully made! **Read Psalm 139:13-17.**

Jesus uses three words to describe your children in verse 14:



fearfully, wonderfully and marvelous. God sees the

potential in each child. He has a plan for each child. Your child is a wonderful creation of God.

Read Psalm 144:12. Let's look at these verses for awhile, and see some of God's goals for your children.

"That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth."

This means that our sons might grow straight and tall spiritually, that their godliness would be fully expressed.

Their roots may be invisible, but mothers, we are preparing them by nourishing them at the root. The roots determine a great deal for their future growth. **Ephesians 3:17-19** tells us that we need to be rooted and grounded in love. If your motive is love as you teach your children, specifically boys in this passage, you will see much greater growth in character.

Love your boys enough to teach them the practical & spiritual things in life.

Give them healthy roots in Christ. Work at this every day.

Psalm 144:12 also says:

"That our daughters may be as cornerstones, polished after the similitude of a palace."

Graceful, well established, discreet, godly, organized, beautiful in character. These are words describing the polished cornerstones in this verse.

As before, love your girls enough to teach them the practical & spiritual things in life. They can be cornerstones in your family, strengthening it, beautifying it.

Keep their character in the forefront of your thoughts and prayers.

Sons - healthy, growing plants. Daughters - polished cornerstones.

Your children are wonderfully made, as the Lord tells us. Mother, tend to your sons and daughters so that the plants continue to grow and the stones stay polished and set apart for the Lord.



Now lets look back at Psalm 139:14

What does it mean when God says we are fearfully and wonderfully made? Contrary to atheistic evolution, we are not made in the image of animals, but for the purpose of glorifying God. We will all be the most fulfilled when we are living the way God intended.

Fearfully and wonderfully made just means that we are amazingly and miraculously made. We are wonderfully complex. Our bodies were designed by God to do great things! Teach your children to do some great things for God! With whatever they do well, lay it at Jesus feet. Grow them up saturated

in God and polish them for Him. **Read Psalm 148:12-13** - praise God at any age. Teach your children that His name alone is excellent.

Teach them to walk in the way of good men. Read Proverbs 2:20

In conclusion, you are part of God's plan in directing part of God's creation. Better than a new electronic device or expensive piece of equipment, your have been entrusted to care for and raise your wonderfully made child. **Do not be careless. Take this mission seriously.**