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"WHAT A WISE MOMMA SAYS"

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MATTHEW 6:9-13 "The Lord's Prayer" (NASB)

INSIGHT: All your life God wants you to wield the power of influence in the life of your child.

INSIGHT: Once a parent, you're a parent the rest of your life.

TRUTH: Directing your child toward God is the most important thing in life.

INSIGHT: Mom, God didn't create your child in your body so they could just grow up, go to school, get a job, retire and die...God created your child so they would know Him in a relationship through faith in Jesus Christ.

I. A PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE GOD

1. Establish a spiritual foundation in the home.

TRUTH: You'll never influence your child if you lose their heart (Ephesians 6:4)!

You exasperate your child...

- a) when you set a performance standard so high, they can't meet it and give up.
- b) when you're an unpleasable parent.

2. Secure God's blessing on your grandchildren (Hosea 4:6).

INSIGHT: God says when a man, woman or youth doesn't know Him, their life falls apart.

ENCOURAGEMENT: You can secure the blessings of God down to your great-grandchildren by making God the center of your family today (Psalm 78:5-6 NIV).

TRUTH: More important than financial success is that your kids have the favor of God after you're dead. You can determine today to leave a generational blessing on your home.

II. TEACH YOUR KIDS THE TRUTHS OF THE LORD'S PRAYER.

1. God wants an intimate relationship with them.

TRUTH: The number one problem of youth today is insecurity (Hebrews 13:5).

INSIGHT: Your daughter/son desperately needs in your home to know you love them and accept them, and God does, too.

2. God's name deserves honor.

3. God's plan is "the" life plan.

TRUTH: God has a bigger plan and it's the one He will bless; that means your child needs to be taught he/she isn't the center of the universe. Life isn't all about them.

Four basic questions:

- a) Where did I come from?
- b) Why am I here?
- c) Where am I going?
- d) What's the purpose of my life?

4. God is the supply of all our needs.

TRUTH: The goal of child raising is to lead them from dependence on us to independence to dependence on God.

5. God forgives us so we can forgive others.

TRUTH: The two greatest emotions of life are guilt and resentment.

INSIGHT: Your child needs to be taught to confess their daily sins to God, asking forgiveness and then to offer forgiveness to others.

TRUTH: Your child's greatest challenges in life will be relational.

6. There is more to life than right now.

MOMS, A VERSE FOR YOU IN THESE CHALLENGING DAYS: Lamentations 3:24 (CEV) *Deep in my heart I say, "The Lord is ALL I need! I can DEPEND on Him!"*