

so briefly about his wife--telling how thankful he was for her godly example. She was moved as he honoured her before others. Those 18 seconds were the highlight of her weekend. She even requested a tape of the service so she could savour his thoughtful words.

It is admirable when a man does kind things for his wife, but if he compliments her publicly he demonstrates wisdom. When a man says of his wife in the presence of others, "You are special to me, and I appreciate you," their relationship is enhanced.

The husband in Proverbs 31 praised his wife by saying, "You excel them all" (v.29). Nothing a man can do is more honouring than speaking words like those. --JDB

*A man who finds a godly wife
Is blest beyond compare;
She is his greatest prize in life--
A treasure rich and rare. --DJJ*

Marriage thrives in a climate of honour and respect.



MOTHER'S DAY, 2017

In Word And Deed

Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her. --Proverbs 31:28

A man decided to make Mother's Day special for his wife. He bought her presents. He took her out to eat. He made life easy for her around the house.

But when she later told him what made her weekend really special, she thanked him for something he did during church on Mother's Day. When the men in the church were told they could have the microphone to say something about a special woman in their life, he listened for a while as others spoke. Then, when the last call was given, he rose and spoke ever





Our Home

The Godly Home

(Psalms 78:1-7) "Give ear, O my people, to my law; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth. ... {3} Which we have heard and known, And our fathers have told us. {4} We will not hide them from their children, Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done. {5} 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; {6} That the generation to come might know them, The children who would be born, That they may arise and declare them to their children, {7} That they may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments;"



Psalm 128:3 pictures for us two important principles for family living:

1. Insulation from the _____ (Insulated _____),

Psalms 127-128

(Deuteronomy 6:4-7) ""Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! {5} "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. {6} "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. {7} "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."

(Philippians 2:12) ".. work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;"

Psalm 128 gives five blessings for the godly parent:

#1. C _____, verse 2

#2. A godly _____, verse 3

#3. Godly _____, verse 3

(1 Corinthians 7:14) "For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, ...; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy."

(1 Timothy 3:4) "... his children in submission with all reverence"

(Titus 1:6) "... faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination."

#4. Bless and be blessed by _____ people, verses 4-5

#5. Godly _____, verse 6

(Psalm 128:6) May you live to enjoy your grandchildren... [paraphrase]

(Galatians 5:22-23) "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, {23} gentleness, self-control. ..."

(Proverbs 1:4-8) "To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion; {5} A wise man will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel, .. {7} The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction. {8} My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother;"

(Proverbs 3:3) "Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart,"

2. Interdependent _____ life (Interdependent _____), verses 3,6

(Romans 12:9-12) "Let love be without hypocrisy. ... {10} Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; {11} not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; {12} rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;"

(Romans 12:15-18) "Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. {16} Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. {17} Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. {18} If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men."

Advice for grandparents:

#1. Do an _____,

(Psalms 139:23-24) "Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; {24} And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting."

#2. Seek to _____,

#3. Help by the _____,

#4. Be _____,

#5. If you see sin do _____,

(Galatians 6:1) "Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted."

#6. _____ for grandchildren,

