

WEEK EIGHT

JOY OF LOVING AND PRAYING FOR OUR CHILDREN

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This week, prayerfully read the following scriptures as you consider the themes that we will study in the upcoming lesson on The Joy of Loving and Praying for Our Children. Examine the condition of your heart and the measure of intentional influence you have as you impact those in your home or under your ministerial care.

The Biblical Calling of the Christian Mother...content, joyful, hopeful, prayerful, a claimer of His Promises, Presence and Power.

DAY 1 - THE VISIONARY

Start with the end in mind and prepare for the journey. Envision the outcome and live with your faith resting on the promises.

Write: Read the following scriptures and then write down specific qualities to pray for your child.

Read: Colossians 1:9–12, Deuteronomy 6:3–9, Isaiah 44:1–5, Psalm 84, Psalm 86, Psalm 102:23, Zechariah 2:10

DAY 2 - THE HOMEMAKER

Create a home founded on truth, with heavily guarded gates, life-giving nourishing walls, and a wide-open door.

Write: Read the following scriptures and then take time to examine the foundation of your home and heart. Do I live in the continual recognition of the presence of God? And His authority over my life, my decisions, my character, my understanding of truth? Am I building my house with wisdom? Do my attitudes, actions and words build up or tear down?

Read: Isaiah 54:1–4, Jeremiah 17:7–8, Proverbs 31:30, Proverbs 14:1, 1 Corinthians 16:13–14, Isaiah 54:1–4, Zechariah 2:5,8, 1 Timothy 5:14, 1 Peter 1, James 1:5, Psalm 18:30

DAY 3 - THE REVEALER

A living testimony of a transformed life. A revealer of the heart of God. And the blessing of holy living.

Write: Read the following scriptures and then consider how we are to reflect Him in everyday life to those that we love and serve.

Read: Isaiah 44:1–6, Isaiah 54:10–17, Isaiah 55:6–13, Isaiah 59:21, Philippians 2:1–5

DAY 4 - THE SHEPHERDESS

Pointing others to Him, discipleship in the home. Reflect on how the Lord is using you to lead and shepherd those now in your care.

Write: Examine my witness and service to others as I read the following scriptures. List qualities that the Word describes as those to strive for.

Read: Proverbs 31:17, 1 Timothy 5:10, Titus 2:3, 4–5, John 21:15–17, Romans 12:9–13, Ephesians 6:1–4, Ephesians 4:32, Proverbs 20:7, Proverbs 29:15,17,18, Matthew 18:1–6, 19:13–15

DAY 5 - THE TILLERS, GARDENERS, AND POURERS

Counting the cost of the labor.

Read: Isaiah 61:11, Proverbs 14:11, Galatians 6:7–10, 1 Corinthians 15:58, 2 Corinthians 4:1,7–11, 2 Thessalonians 2:16–17, Isaiah 65:23–24

DAY 6 - THE WIDE-OPEN DOOR

Being a haven of safety while preparing also for the “sending out.”

Read: Psalm 20, Isaiah 6:1–8, John 20:19–21, Matthew 28:20

DAY 7 - CONCLUSION: THE JOY OF REMEMBRANCE—MEMORIAL STONES

Read: Psalm 126:3, Ephesians 3:20, 1 Corinthians 2:9, Joshua 4:20–24, Psalm 24, Psalm 121, Ephesians 3:20–21, Isaiah 64:4