

#102 HE IS OUR FAMILY PASTOR

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KEY THEME: The Lord is our Family Pastor with a heart for children, parents, and all kinds of families!

MESSAGE/TAKEAWAYS:

The Lord, our Family Pastor, yearns for us to know . . .

- 1. Families are amazingly Varied.** Numbers 2:34 *"Thus ... the Lord commanded Moses; so they camped by their standard . . . each one by his family.* [] *Mark 3:31 Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived.* [] *Esther 2:7 And Mordecai had brought up... Esther* [] *Ruth 1:22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess her daughter-in-law with her. . .* [] *Acts 16:1 Timothy, the son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father was Greek. . .* Timothy 1:5 *which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice.* [] [Beirut Global Conf.;](#) [Many families in Bible!](#) [Step/Foster/Relatives/Guardians](#)
- 2. Children are our Top Priority, like Jesus.** Matt. 18:4-5 *"Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.* [] [4-14 Vision](#)
- 3. Children are to be Seriously Protected.** Matthew 18:6 *"But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.* [] [Trafficking;](#) [India/Cape Church;](#) [Abuse;](#) [Abortion;](#) [LGBTQ in schools](#)
- 4. Children are Supernaturally Guarded.** Matthew 18:10 *"Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father.* [] [Guardians;](#) [It's a Wonderful Life](#)
- 5. Children are to be Joyfully Welcomed.** Matthew 19:13-14 (Mark 10; Luke 18) *"Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. 14 But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."* [] [Big rebuke!](#) [Open arms.](#) [Worth our time!](#) [Children's sermons!!](#)
- 6. Children are to be Closely Gathered.** Matthew 23:37 *"O Jerusalem. . . How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings,* [] [Mother motif;](#) [Tender;](#) [Fire story;](#) [4 Key Stages of Parenting](#)
- 7. Children are to be Cherished for Generations.** Proverbs 13:22 *"A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children"* [] [Grace!](#) [Heritage/Inheritance](#)
- 8. Children are to be led to Bless Others.** Proverbs 31:27-28 *"She watches over the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness. 28 Her children rise up and call her blessed...Husband also."* [] [No rivalry!](#) [Bond!](#) [Stick!](#)

9. Children are to be Taught as a Lifestyle. Deut. 6:6-7 *"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.* [] [Home schooling;](#) [Lifestyle learner;](#) [Life-long learner;](#) [Conversational!!](#)

10. Children are Teachable and Trainable. Proverbs 22:6 *Train up a child in the way he should go. . .* [] [Teaching vs. Training \(Both\);](#) [Ties, Bats & Planes](#)

11. Children are Moldable and Guidable. Proverbs 22:6 . . . *Even when he grows older he will not depart from it.* [] [Green twigs;](#) [Golden Hr.;](#) [Silver day](#)

12. Children are to be Disciplined with Wisdom. Proverbs 29:15 *The rod and a rebuke give wisdom, But a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother.* [] [Angry payback?](#) [Corrective intention?](#) [8 Reasons why Kids Disobey](#)

13. Children are Child-like and Childish. I Corinthians 13:11 *"When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when became a man, I did away with childish things.* [] [Wondering vs. Whining](#)

14. Children are to be Tenderly Weaned. Psalm 131:2 *I have certainly soothed and quieted my soul; Like a weaned child resting against his mother, My soul within me is like a weaned child.* [] [Upper Room;](#) [Milk vs. Love](#)

15. Children are to be Groomed to Fly. Psalm 127:4 *Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth.* [] [Craft;](#) [Bent;](#) [7 Heart Wirings](#)

16. Children Yearn for Loving Fathers. Malachi 4:6 *"And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers.* [] [Father wounds;](#) [Hallmark cards/prison;](#) [Distant, guarded praise?](#)

17. Children Yearn for Winsome Fathers. Colossians 3:21 *"Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.* [] [Coach types/styles](#)

18. Children are to be Disciplined with Vision. Hebrews 12:7 *"It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?"* [] [Temporary pain;](#) [Tomorrow's joy](#)

19. Children are to be Helpful and Respectful. I Timothy 3:4 *"one . . . having his children in submission with all reverence.* [] [No passes!](#) [Adult teens!](#)

20. Children are Our Honored Heirs, not Slaves. Galatians 4:5-7 *that we might receive the adoption as sons and daughters. . . crying out, "Abba! Father!" 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.* [] [Adopted!](#) [Born-again!](#) [Not pets . . . People!!](#)