

Positive Parenting Environments

Genesis 27:25-27a

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I. Marriage is a _____.

Ephesians 5:25

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

II. Children are for _____.

Genesis 27:25-29

Then he said, "My son, bring me some of your game to eat, so that I may give you my blessing." Jacob brought it to him and he ate; and he brought some wine and he drank. ²⁶ Then his father Isaac said to him, "Come here, my son, and kiss me." ²⁷ So he went to him and kissed him. When Isaac caught the smell of his clothes, he blessed him and said, "Ah, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field that the LORD has blessed. ²⁸ May God give you of heaven's dew and of earth's richness—an abundance of grain and new wine. ²⁹ May nations serve you and peoples bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may the sons of your mother bow down to you. May those who curse you be cursed and those who bless you be blessed."

III. Your words are _____.

James 3:3-6

"When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell."

IV. Children are a _____ from God..._____ the gift.

Psalms 127:3-5

"Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are sons born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them."

V. "Hey Dad..._____ this!" Our children desperately want and need our _____.

*Recommended Resources:

- [The Blessing](#) by Gary Smalley
- [Common Sense Parenting](#) Burke, Herron and Barnes
- [Shaping the Next Generation](#) Atchison