

WHO A CHILD IS NATURALLY

A child is any human being who is born alive and one who is still at the age of total dependence on the parent, for the provision of basic needs of survival, protection, preservation and for learning of the basic principles of life in an informal setting. Some people define a child as a person under the age of majority. One may also define a child as a boy or a girl in the period before puberty. A child is usually between the age of 0 – 10, since adolescence spans between age 10 to 19. Every child has his parent whom he/she grows up to know as parent: usually seen as their first teacher, provider, guide and guard and their role model as well.

A child has a tender and innocent heart. In fact childhood is the tenderest age for any human being. Life appears so small at childhood and the immediate environment also looks like the whole worlds before the child; his comprehension is limited only to what happens around him, either live or virtually (on media), and many of them begin to draw out their conclusions about life from such events, with their own set parameters (standards).

Naturally children love and feel so secure at this age. Provision of their needs and their protection is of a little or no concern to them, because all their worries, expectations are cast upon their parents. Children take solace and bank upon the capacity of their parents to be able to meet all they need, they feel in need of, or all that their parents may know they need. They are comfortable, knowing that whatever their parents are able to make available for them is just what they need.

Children do not expect much from their parents, except when they start getting influenced by the co-teachers they see around their 'little world' -the social media, friends in school, children in the neighborhood, friends at church etc. Children are easily influenced and readily obsessed with whatsoever they are told, what they see, and most times they take it all as it comes to them, except another teacher helps them to understand that, things are not really the way they see it. Every child loves his parent very well, and believes in almost, if not all they are told, or promised by a parent. Except for any counter knowledge from a school teacher, or one who is responsible for imparting them with the formal knowledge -in education and in any field at all. They will hold unto the words, the gestures, the promises, the lifestyle, the love shown to them by their parents or others whom they respect and take as one. Cultural differences may set in, and children will grow up according to the cultural set up they find themselves. Most of their thoughts, activities, abilities and mindsets are formed from what they see and hear around them, which is peculiar to the cultural setting and community they grow in as well.

Simply put, a child is any person who has not reached teenagehood. A child does not take some minor and all major decisions of life by himself. And some good habits may not even be known to them, unless they are cultured to do so. No child really knows most of his needs, unless exposed to the society. Children just naturally take it all as they are told.

Indoctrination during one's childhood days is what makes some people grow into adulthood carrying within them the mindset of success or of failure. The mindset of every adult is a response to the things they were taught and exposed to while yet in childhood. Not filling up a child's [almost empty and innocent] heart with the right content is the reason why many adults behave and live the way they do; it affects their response to all real-life situations which have been set before all men.

Training up of a child is the major role of the parent who resolves to raise their child in God's way. That, they might grow up with it and into it, for the child to have a founding knowledge enclosed within him, that is just correct and perfect, with which he can build his teenage and adult phases of life upon. God's word is the final authority, for positive acculturation of kingdom principles in children.

The scripture has this to say: Prov. 22:6.

"Teach a child how he should live, and he will remember it all his life." (GNR)

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not turn from it." (NIV)

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."(KJV)

The assignment of training "up" a child is a task which involves the application of the entire elements provided by God, and the holy book - the Bible, so that they can grow up with a sound mind and still remain sound when they get old. The focus is for the goodness of their future. It is the reason why all available faculties must be adopted to fix them up for a purpose-fulfilling life here on earth, and in eternity. Every trainer of children or a child must do so with eternity in view. Children must be made to understand that every of their discipleship processes is for them to have rest in the future, when they are old and also while in eternity with God.

The godly attitudes which every child needs to be trained up are imparted into them through (deliberate) teaching and guidance sessions, practiced both in the days and at nights. And this must begin from the day of birth, progressively as they remain on earth, from one phase to another according to the wisdom God gives. Impartation of the correct godly way of life like that of Christ, (because, they must grow to become like Christ (Phil. 2:5; 1 John 3:17) must practically begin now.

Jeremiah affirms this in Lamentation 3:27, that “It is best to learn this patience in our youth.” Other versions have this to say:

It is good for man that he bear the yoke in his youth (ESV)

It is good for man to bear the yoke while he is young (NIV).

Yet some other versions reveal what the yoke really means, to be ‘God divine disciplines or dealings’ which are required for the formation of an godly attitudes in the heart of a born again child or adult. When these trainings done through teaching and practicing of one’s true Christian life before a child, commence at childhood, the impartation of Christ’s life into them is done, the maturity of the godly seed of the divine nature is sped up as well, that as they grow, they grow up physically and spiritually and otherwise into Christ. They will only possess the wisdom of Christ in its fullness and living by it.

Jesus in his teachings shows that when people (children inclusive) takes his yoke upon them, putting it on themselves to learn from him, who is gentle and humble in spirit, they will find rest for their souls. “take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:29-30. (NIV).

Everyone needs rest for both their soul and their body. Getting all these rests is easy and possible on by yoking with Christ, through his word and staying on the path ways that, though it be narrow, yet, brings about the strength needed to survive the old age of any man, and the rest Christ gives to all he loves. It is rest for the now and a new forward into the future – in eternity with God.

Training a child

Training up a child truly is a rigorous but possible task for everyone whom God gives the privilege of nursing a child’s destiny into fulfillment. It is done by teaching them how correct to actually see life on earth and live in it too. The Good News Translation puts it this way “teach a child how he should live, and he will remember it all his life.” Setting right a child’s perspective of all about life will correct the worldviews early enough and help them grow up into the exact person God calla them into Christ to become, only by this will they live a fulfilled life. But note that, this job is done by the Lord Himself through the educator. This will be discussed in later chapters fully.

Wisdom is the Principal thing. Proverb 4:7

The wisdom for bringing a child up correctly is in taking the child as an entity, knowing that is a transfer of the trainer’s life into the child that makes him whom Christ is, and desires him to be. The wisdom here is: train up a child, teach a child, it is good for a young man etc. as much as you as a children educator has grace to help many

children, given from Christ's wisdom and ministry, that, he never concentrated on the crowd, but on his own disciples, the sample he was led by the father to sit with for those years. He could feed five thousand men, with perishable food but he ever uses parables for them. But Jesus all through his work maintains a few numbers he could truly work with, he disciplined twelve, although showed interest in as many as were drawn to him.

Children educators should train up a child, not the children. As much as you will affect the lives of all the children in your care, understand that, in this journey to destroy, they might possess some unique differences, and each of them is to stand before the Lord also arrives when they meet with Him at judgment. Nurture a child and be a blessing to the children. Teach every child with the sense of, 'he is my disciple.' Seek to understand all their differences and relate with each one of them accordingly. Jesus was so good at that, He related with each of his disciples based on who they are – before they were called. He even identified with their differences, weakness and strength, even as he still does today. His dealings with each individual differs from person to person.

It was because Jesus (treated) and related with each of his disciples as one man, that he could help each person's need better. One of the twelve disciples, Thomas was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "we have the Lord!" but Thomas said to them, "unless I see the scars of the nails in his hand and put my finger on those scars and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later the disciples were together again indoors and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "put your finger here and put it in my side. Stop your doubting, and believe!" Thomas answered him, "my Lord and my God!" John 20:24-29. This was Jesus his educator was able to help Thomas.

TRAINING A CHILD FOR SPECIAL FOCUS ON SPECIAL AREAS

In training a child, every believer should also know that, he is training a child among children. Though with the upright of the whole group in view as the goal, each child would better be made through the teachers one on one relationship with them; the best result have often been determined that way. Coming from different backgrounds and cultural setting, every child has special problems, fears, doubts, questions and beliefs. The most effect way for them is by teacher-child relationship. That Jesus came back only a week after Thomas doubted the resurrection shows how immediate it is necessary to respond to the need of child, whom his needs requires such immediate action. Every parent is a teacher of a child, they may have their children, yet, they must

carefully study the uniqueness of each, and help them through those identified differences.

Teach a child how he would live and he will remember it all his life. The goal for teaching a child is so that even as he advances in age, he will remember the teachings. Even when he wants to take certain decisions, such as making choice of friend(s) in a new location, school or environment, partnership, other relationships like marital decisions when the time comes, the right courses to do in secondary school (college) and in tertiary institution, what to master in, travels, and every decision he/she must make later in life, that the child having grown, might find rest in all he ventures into. The way to help any believer stay away from facing hell on earth through his decisions, is by giving them the right training through teachings, which by obeying it, he is bearing Christ's yoke on himself. When this is accomplished, the believer even at old age will yet live on in rest, having taken his decisions by the will and word of God.

God does the Work through You-Educator

Philippians 2:13; Psalms 32:8; Gal. 1:15-17; Gal. 2:20; Col. 13:27. This is the eternal truth about how to get the job done, in time with the right quality, effectively and this works for all.

A CHILD TEACHER

God does the work through who? Through a child teacher.

Who is a Child Teacher?

A child teacher is anyone who has been a child before and passed through childhood already. He is the one that a child can now learn of Christ from by looking at his/her life.

A child teacher is the person in whom Christ dwells, because he is born again, and lives as Christ in his environment (Col 1:27). CHRIST Jesus was and is a lover of children who is ever willing to have them come to Him, "let the children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." Luke 18:16.

If Jesus, a children teacher lives in you, then you are carrying the correct and best children teacher in your body, the one who will teach the children by himself through you. For every believer, your first disciple is your child- if you already have one. He should be the one in whom you deliberately entrust those truths with which the Lord has helped your life. The baton of the right delineation of our faith in God must be passed on to the next generation.

What really happens with a child education before he is able to help a child to continue in the Lord's way forever- as long as he lives? A child teacher includes parent- whether a single parent or a couple, a pastor, a full time children minister, a school teacher, and everyone who has graduated from childhood and has learnt the Lord's way correctly, whose life is truly correct in the sight of God and also men, according to

God's parameters and standards laid in Christ, and shown clearly by the Holy scriptures. Every born again Church goer is a children teacher and all who ever have something to do with a child or children.

Separated, Chosen and Called to be a Child Educator

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ gave his own testimony, showing how God purposes to use any man from before his birth. By his testimony we will establish that all saved followers of Christ are called by God in Christ. "But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, to reveal his son in me, that I might preach him" Galatians 1:15-16 (KJV).

And also in speaking to the Roman Christians, Paul taught: "We know that in all things God works for good with those who love him, those whom he has called to according to his purpose. Those whom God had already chosen, he also set apart to become like his Son, so that the son would be the first among many brothers. And so those whom God set apart, he called, and those he called, he put right with himself and he share his glory with them" Romans 8:28-30 (GNB).

The scripture above show clearly that God really makes choice of people, even though he shows no favoritism and gives everyone the same right to become his sons and like his Son-Jesus in likeness (Titus 2:11). Paul tells that, according to God's purpose, God called him from the womb, and chosen him to be one in whom Jesus Christ will be seen through; he attests that God called him by grace to reveal his Son to the gentiles in his (Paul's) flesh, and it was so. God's grace appeared for the salvation of all men (John 2:11), and Paul embraced it. God's primary interest for calling Paul was to actually show to the non-Jews, whom Jesus is, and His God would accomplish through the things Paul would go through and through the things he would preach and write unto the unbelievers and it was so.

It is to be received that God actually called and chose unbelievers to himself, first, to reveal Christ to them and that they, by the things they will suffer, enjoy, endure, preach, write and by all speech and conduct, they also may help the non-believers know Christ and believe in him.

This is another major reason why every believer is a child teacher. If Christ is revealed in you and to you, then you become like him, just as it was purposed as predestination, that all whom God chooses would grow into Christ, and become like him, in every way, here on earth. God is making you to become like his Son. So that you would reveal him to those who have not seen his son, or seen him clearly, children inclusive. You as a leader has been chosen and called by God to reveal Christ to a child, and remaining a child of God, you cannot shy away from it; it is your eternal

responsibility. You have been separated from sin and the world to make peace between a child and God. (2 Cor. 5:18).

You are Chosen and Dead to Yourself

There is a way to reveal Christ to a child. It is the way of the cross. As long as you remain dead to sin, sat and the world, Christ will be revealed in you. The apostle Paul also gives his testimony of how Christ was revealed in him as fulfillment of why God called him to himself.

“I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live yet not live in the flesh I live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20. (KJV). Paul shows that, God reveals Christ in him, even to the extent of helping him (Paul) to live on earth by the life of faith, and measure of faith with which Jesus lived on earth, amongst men.

Being crucified with Christ is being dead with him if Christ died to sin because of it, then Paul also died to sin because of sin. All what Jesus died to, is what Paul died to. So that when men saw Paul, it was not really Paul in the flesh, but Christ living in the mortal body of Paul, going about in the clothing of Paul’s body, preaching, teaching, healing and revealing himself in Paul’s body to the gentiles. This is reason why Paul never fought back, threatened or got irritated at anyone for the many things d he suffered, which were the means God ordained to reveal Christ to me through Paul. If Paul was ever preached to a child, it Christ doing it, it was the resurrected Christ that operate in Paul throughout his ministry. The dream and purpose of God for choosing and calling you is that you might live the crucified life, and exhibit the resurrection life, with all its constituents (the fruits of the spirit, the power to enforce righteousness and light up of the dark world etc). If you are in Christ, you are right now carrying the most effective life in eternity- the exact life, seed, nature of God, which is the commodity with which you are to train up a child to grow also into this new creation life.

Being a believer, you are a debtor to children; you are to help them become wise, by showing them who Christ really is. You will succeed as often as you live as a crucified person with the resurrection life of Christ any operating and at work in you. It is because you are crucified with Christ that all you are and have cannot be taken or treated as yours, but as Christ’s, your body is now God’s temple. You would not dare use it for what only pleases and satisfies you. In fact, all your desires, just, passions, wants, expectation of yourself life, abilities and intellect etc. have indeed been crucified, they are no more in existence anywhere, even you are dead. A dead man does not smoke or drink strong drink or soft drink. As much as you are crucified with Christ and died with him to all the things regarded as good or bad by the world. You do not call

good what the world system call good, and you call anything good or bad only according to power of the Holy Spirit, and your judgment is based only in what the spirit does- you now only walk by the spirit and no longer gratifying the desires of the human nature (Galatians 5:16).

God wants you to actually consider your own self by yourself as dead to sin and the world with its system, but now alive only unto God and living by his power and controlled by his will and love. You are chosen by God to task the new creation life and then telling a child about it. Tell him about how sweet and how pleasurable it is in God's sight for one to dwell in Christ, living only by the power of the Holy Spirit. Also, you are to show the child that the acts of sin which he falls into often are the works of the flesh, operating in him, due to the ignorance of the child that, flesh (self life, adamic nature, human nature) has been crucified, it was crucified with Christ and it died. All the things he finds himself doing which Christ would never do, are all the works of the flesh, they should be killed. He should be taught to kill every appearances or the works of the old sinful nature, and also taught to allow the Holy Spirit bear his sweet fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, generous, and self control, in every situation he encounters. If he bears one and it is not compute, let him bear all, righteousness must prevail.

If you minister to a teenager and an adult, let them understand this truth as well. "Knowing this that our old men was crucified with him. (Rom 6:6). And also, knowing this that, "those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their flesh with the passion and just" (Gal 5:27). And by denying the flesh of its arousing desires and passions they will by Christ's faith at work in them continue to overcome Satan daily.

Furthermore, for you as a child education, know this always that you are dead to sin and the world. It is by living the crucified life, when you commit adultery, steal, get drunk, become angry and sin, jealous, envy gossip cheat, change age, forge signature, involve in extortion, and connecting money or other benefits (gins life as a worldly person, that the resurrection life of Christ, which is imparted when one receives Jesus into his heart can really manifest for child or children to see, witness, touch, emulate and follow.

God working - you yielding- the going spreading phil. 2:13 "for it is God which worked in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." (KJV).

Col. 1:2-29 "God's plan is to make known his secret to his people, this rich and glorious secret which he has for all people. And the secret is that Christ in you, which means that you will share in the going of God, so we preach Christ to everyone. With all possible wisdom we warn and teach them in order to bring each one into God's presence as a mature individual in union with Christ. To get this done I toil and

struggle, using the mighty strength which Christ supplies and which is at work in me. (GNR).

CHRIST IN YOU

The first thing to note here is that God is the one at work in every child trainer, he makes to have a willing heart to help the children and God also supplies the strength and wisdom needed each time, and particular for every individual child, to help them see the Christ being preached in every way. The Christ in you as a child educator is the hope and guarantees that, you will also share in the giving of God which he shares with all sons and daughters of his who become part of Christ. All the inheritance of God for Christ will be shared for all co-heirs of God, who are in Christ.

When you allow God to do his work in you, you will cause his glory to come, his glory will be over your countenance, and as you teach any child, or interact with the children, they with open, innocent faces beholds as in a grace the going of God upon you, because Christ lives in you. Beholding your correct life is beholding Christ, undoubtedly. They too get transformed into this image of Christ which is reflected to their witness in your face and your life. They may never see any radiant life, but beholding the life of Christ is strong enough to bring them transformation, a change of life from one degree of going to another degree of the glory of Christ.

Children needs a live human example, a man in whom the teachings they have about Christ has become flesh in. When any man beholds God's glory in Christ, he is changed into Christ's image by that glory. It is faster for any child to truly understand the person of Christ, when they see him revealed or at work in another man.

The focus of children educator must be to preach Christ to the children. But with an possible wisdom warning and teaching everyone of the children (to be discussed in later chapter) in order to bring each one of them into God's presence as a mature individuals, in union with Christ, then they will grow to remember, and never forget or depart from the training they receive as children. Deal with every child as an individual, using a possible wisdom, according to the individual differences, done through care study of the lines of the children -one by one over time.

Dear educator, always remember that God is the one who is at work in you here, He is the actual teacher of the children. Since you died (Gal 2:20) with him, and resurrected to new life with Him, you can be dead and still be a teacher. No, you died, you died, and Christ paid to redeem your body and soul. You for eternal rest and your body is to be used as his temple, his habitat here on earth. The resurrection life is a spirit and is eternal. It can posses a man, just demons posses some people and cause them to do what is against God's will and destroy them.

Christ has occupied you too; he has possessed you too by his spirit. He even reveals this when he resurrected. He was appearing and disappearing. He manifested himself to the clever disciples who assemble under shut doors, "then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood in the midst " John 20:19 (GNR). And yet as spirit, he could not do anything much unless he enters a flesh. And so, he resurrected physically, but the resurrection was transformed. It became powerful and immortal; it became one with his spirit. That was why he was seen ascend into the heavens with the body. This shows that, believers too receive the life of Jesus; they receive the resurrection life and can do amazing things, if they believe in God. Jesus said they could do even more than he did.

So you the educator of the child is only bearing Jesus around with the earthly body. As Christ resurrected with an immortal body, at rapture of the saints, your body too like his, will be suddenly transformed into an immortal one, the kind which he ascended into heaven with. But today, you bear his resurrected body in an earthly body. As long as his spirit dwell in you, he will also quicken your mortal body, to enable you do certain supernatural things. Therefore, know this that, you are dead to yourself, it is Christ you are bring to stand or sit, to teach the children. As much as you can yield your body to him, amazing changes and transformation will take place effortlessly in the lives and spirit of the children, because, his words spoken out to their hearing are spirits are life; it will give them the life and spirit you carry as well.

This does not excuse you as an educator from some labors required to bring Christ unto them. Paul reported thus: "To get this done I toil and struggle, using the mighty strength which Christ supplies and which is at work in me." Col 1:29.

Whatever rigors, pains and labors involved in bringing Christ, such should be joyfully received and undertaken. Child educators parent(s), teachers, students, civil servants, youths and teenagers, should aim themselves with the readiness to labor - it is a labor. "So we preach Christ to everyone" Col. 1:28. It is a laborious exercise to actually travel to a location, pay certain bills, work to calm children, engaging them in several children activity praying and fasting everyday for the preaching of Christ to be well understood by them, and for wisdom to enable them absorb and gulp down the message which is to make them grow up into the person of Christ. Much fasting and prayers ought to be always invested on account of every child in your care daily, because the battle against their formation is a defeat to Satan, and he may come a repulsion, yet believers must insist on having will done upon and over each child.

God the real Teacher -you are his Voice

Having established that for his glory, he works in the child educator to make him willing and able to go through all the labors required for preaching Christ to the child

and achieving this success with his grace, we can now establish that God is the main teacher. The Lord says "I will teach you the way you should go; I will instruct you and advise you" Psalm 32:8.

Note it that, in the word of a king there is power (Eccl. 8:4). God is king over every child. It is his teaching that will set their lives right with him. Be careful, do not teach or preach any other thing to their heart, it will harzen them against the truth, and make them numerable to the devil. God is willing to teach every child, to instruct them and advise them. He chose to do so through anyone in whom his life, his nature, his teachings have resided. If the Lord dwells in you, you are his voice, let the children hear the father. Talk to them through, when you preach Christ, using every wisdom for each child. The work of acceptance, faith, conviction is done by the Holy Ghost. He is God's teacher sent into every educator to teach them and to also teach the children through them.

HOW CAN YOU TRAIN A CHILD EFFECTIVELY

The Passion of Christ

Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them. For to such belongs the kingdom of God. Luke 18:16, (ESV).

God moved the heart of lay men (both women and men perhaps) to bring children to Jesus, but his disciples stood against them, they stood against God's will so strongly, that they rebuked the parents who tried this, but Jesus quickly interfered , helping them to see that, God was interested only in people who received the kingdom like a child. "Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it" Luke 18:17. In this way, we see Jesus expressing so much love and Holy passion for the little children.

The reason why the parents brought the infants and children to Jesus was that he might touch them, that he might place his hands on them, in order to secure for them (the children and the generation) a blessing of heaven. These parents probably were moved by God to do, knowing fully that, they perhaps failed, because God's hand was not placed on them (in any way), as to make them have relevance n their generation, and would not want their children to become so, but to become like Jesus whom they now believed to be the expected prophet. Jesus expressed his desire to touch the children and mark them with the divine scale for relevance in life, by calling to the children skill to refuse to be stopped. It is Jesus who has called children as well as adults to Himself so that he might touch them.

God's good plan is to hide every child brought to him in his quiver, that he might make them like a polished shaft, to make their mouths like a sharp sword, and protected and preserved in the shadow of his hand for the purpose to which created them. Jesus really desires to have every disciple or is today, engage in the ministry of bringing children unto him for his touch upon their individual lives, from their infant's age. The disciples of Jesus perhaps had thought, Christ was interested only in the salvation of adults and that ministry relegated children, so as discourage them from ever having a one-on-one relationship with Jesus. That notion was totally wrong Jesus. He was born a child, how could he possibly be interested in adults alone.

Beloved, the fact that the Lord opened your eyes, and revealed his grace and mercy to you as an adult does not mean, he is interested in encountering adults only; he is not limited to using adults, he uses children. The five loaves of bread and two fishes that Jesus used to feed the five thousand men (not counting women and children), those elements came from a little child. When the little boy was brought to Jesus with what he had, he encountered Jesus, his little food was the help, God gave to over ten thousand people, because he and what he had, which was negligible was brought to the Lord, and it was multiplied. (John 6:8-14).

Jesus truly has an undying passion for that child you are seeing, whom you might not even be seeing anything big or relevant about right now. When you help them get to meet with Jesus and they really see him, through your life, through your teachings from the pages of the scripture, if you help a child get down to encountering Christ, and by his grace the child really sees Christ, that encounter will turn that child's life around, it will set the course for his life aright, it will correct his perspectives of the world system aright it will give the child a balanced world view about the ways of God. Jesus lives in you-believer. Let him express his passion and love in you, and through it, draw the little child or children unto himself.

If he disclosed that the kingdom of God will be possessed by anyone (adult) who converts and become like a child in receiving the kingdom matter and truth, then we can most definitely establish that truly, he prefers that people should be brought to him, to encounter him individually, by his touch upon their lives while as childhood. The greatest effect gospel has made, was upon the lives of men, especially those who were dedicated to the Lord from their youngest age as children. This explains why it is very essential that believers should dedicate all their children to God when they are still young, that they might grow with the mindset that they have been dedicated to the God of the universe. Every believer who is privileged to be given a child to train up in the Lord's way should do their best to watch and guide the life of that child, following the dedication that has taken place. Hannah dedicated Samuel unto God, and followed it

up by taking him to live, learn life and grow up in God's temple. Sammen eventually grew up into the man God would that he becomes, because an adult brought him to God for a touch early enough, and God actually touched the boy; God placed his hand on Sammen.

Children are the heritage of the Lord. Jesus does not say no to any child who is brought to him. You only need to bring him unto the Lord, and let Christ do the remaining by himself through anyone and any means he chooses to use.

THE RIGHT ENVIRONMENT

If the environment is godly, there is more likelihood, the child will become godly. Every child is influenced by what image they see and what sound enters their ears easily, their attitudes, responses to life and character are formed by the impact of light (eye) and sound (hearing) especially other senses not relegated. The environment where you train a child has a lot to contribute to what lifestyle that will be most prevalent or predominantly expressed in the child. A larger percentage of the child's habit was formed as a result of the environmental setup and cultural background he finds himself. Nevertheless, as much as this abides, His choice lies with the believer in who care a child is or children are Samuel actually grew with the sons of Eli, they were so ungodly and sinned greatly against God as a habit, yet the young boy was never influenced. It was the power of his dedication to God, the inner environment, and the mercy of God that actually preserved him from being corrupted by virtue of their lives.

Hannah resolved with her husband- the power of agreement: "as soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the Lord and dwell there forever." Elkanah her husband said to her, "do what seems best to you; what until you have weaned him; only may the Lord establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him." 1st Samuel 1:22-25.

Her resolve moved God. God knew the woman will never again steal the boy away; that she had given him to God forever. God received the boy as Jesus received the children. God touched him as Jesus touched the children, and Samuel, because God placed his mighty hands upon him was kept above the corruption from the corrupt lives of Eli's sons. Samuel was enticed in God's presence forever, that was why, despite the corrupt practices of Eli's sons he stayed preserved.

As for Samuel, what sustained him was that he was always abiding in the presence of God, "and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord where the ark of God was" 1st Samuel 1:3 (ESV). The very place where Samuel slept at night, or perhaps had his rest, was the place, where the high priest of Israel entered once in a year. Although, the bigger environment where the temple was, was a corrupt zone, like Sodom because of the wickedness of Eli's sons, yet in this same environment, Samuel decided to keep

himself enclosed in God's presence, he chose to surround himself with God's presence and glory, the reason his life was preserved. Now when a child growing in a corrupt environment is helped to be surrounded with God's presence, such will be present. This takes a deliberate decision and requires laborious actions, in ensuring that a godly place is provided for the child and the children, even while the outside world is corrupting. In this way, the child will dwell in the light of God's word, glory and presence, and coming out, his life will be different from that of those who live in the environment. Some things to put in place for the child are:

A. An Atmosphere of Love: the power of love and sweet affections from a feeling or acceptance within a homely environment will overcome all external factors that spoil a child's perspective, and build up the internal strength needed for that child to truly grow up strong and having a balanced perspective to life, religion, culture, relationship, marriage etc. providing an atmosphere of love is the best and most effective therapy for the repair of a child who has gone haywire, it also applies to teenagers and adults. Anyone who is often made to feel a sense of love and acceptance will perform not excellently. Love softens people; it breaks every rocky heart, and helps anyone overcome all sinful habits. God loved the world so much that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but eternal life, John 5:16 (GNB). The only way God could preserve humanity with life eternal was the way of love. He loved man so much, he gave up the life of his own son, to save them. If you want to save the life of any child, to preserve him from the corruption of the world system, you must deny yourself, and be just ready to plant love and loving attitudes into that child by simply loving them in every way. Become the right definition of love for him, allow the children to see Christ loving them in your own life. Let this spread, let the message of love spread to all others with whom this child will receive the training. Love is patient and kind; it does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; love does not keep a record of wrongs; it does not rejoice at wrong doing, but rejoice with the truth. Love bears all things, because it never gives up, it believes all things (to be the truth), so that, they might be no grounds for hate and anger, it hopes all things and it endures all things, love never ends, 1st Cor. 13:1-8a.

This is a major definition of God kind of love shown in the entire scripture. It consists of all major characters exhibited by one towards another with whom he/she is in love as God's sons and daughters. With these characters of a man of love put forward, there surely will be a bearing forth of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Whether you are a parent or not, if you are in Christ, there characteristics of love should go before every day, to everyplace and to everyone. When a child is kept within an

environment where he is loved with all these attributes put forward, into effect towards him, he will develop enough inner strength needed to fight the corruption out there. Now, children who are taught by school teachers with a loving lifestyle tend to perform better than those whose teachers are not so loving toward them. Every loving teacher is known by the fruits they bear. When the fruits of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23) are seen in a man's life, such a person has a heart drenched in God's love. It will reflect in the whole life, and attitudes of the child or children kept in their care also. Love is a powerful tool; use it to bring healing to the stubborn child who would not obey God. Put into effect all the features of love, that God will be so trained in a godly way, to look like Jesus Christ, he can overcome all the trials, temptations, troubles and challenges of life, and even when he is old, he will remember it all.

If your child performs poorly in school, love him/her the more; insist on loving the poor child, with faith in what God's love changed in the eternal destiny of mankind. Just love the child, because where love is God is there. Remove your attention from the child's poor performances in anything he does at all, and put your heart on what you know was the outcome of God's love for man, with endurance and much patience, you will see the change. Love does not give up; love has faith and its faith, hope and patience does not and it believes all things about the child which are also God's exact will for every child. Children are the heritage of the Lord, God will not create a sorrowful heritage. Love the child, wait for him, stay patient and put the attention of your heart on what you expect to see, in all, with insistence that until you see that, you shall never give up. Children who are changed for the better through love become more excellent in life.

Show your love by encouraging the child to have faith and keep trying, show your love by teaching and teaching God on behalf of the child, until the change you long to see comes. It is the Christian duty of the children to love and obey their parents, to respect and honor. But where this is lacking, in love, rebuke the child, correct him, and wait for them to change patiently. Do not be too quickly irritated or fed up with his ill-mannered attitudes as to speak evil of them, or on them. Paul instructs the Ephesians about children and parent relationships, in his words, he said "children, it is your Christian duty to obey your parents, for this is the right thing to do, 'respect your father and mother' is the first commandment that has a promise added; so that all may go well with you, and you may live a long time in the land." "Parents do not treat your children in such a way as to make them angry, instead, bring them up with Christian discipline and instruction." Eph. 8:1-3 (GNB).

As much as you want to help them get better, provoking them to anger because of your impatience and ignorance that love is the way out, this might make them

become rigid, too difficult to change, it will also form part of their training scheme in your hand and when they grow they will also remember it, and train other in the same way. If God does not would you, damage or aim you for your own insolence and disobediences, how do think you could help a child by training him with the power of the human nature? Anything you can do to keep them from been provoked into anger, avoids it. Dwell and train them with understanding. God never provokes his own children to anger; we should imitate him as his own dear children (Eph 5:1). Deal with the child as God deals with you. Relate with the children as Christ relates with the Church always working to cleanse her, are to make her presentable to God. Loving a child pays, though, it is costly, as it will deny you of certain emotional balances, but know, it is only for a while. It is the sacrifice you must pay to help bring a child unto Jesus, that he might touch him, and seal him for a reverential future. There is so much to say on love but we will consider other things briefly.

B. Avoid discouraging them: parents do not treat your children in such a way as to make them angry. Instead, bring them up with Christian discipline and instruction, Eph. 6:4 (GNB). Thos verse could be added with proverbs 22:6, to come up this way: “teach a child how he should live; parents do not treat your child in such a way as to make him angry. Instead bring him up with Christian discipline and instruction and he will remember it all his life. (Combined verses).

Whatever act you put up towards a child makes him angry, but never resulting into any positive change in his life, which can be appreciated later is not helpful to them, when you use it, “instead bring them up with Christian discipline and instruction.” That means, whatever cannot be universally or scripturally be judged as Christian instruction and discipline should not be used in the training up of the life of a child, because it will discourage them eventually, since God cannot put his grace into such as he would not use for you.

THE DISCIPLES ERROR

Some people brought their babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. The disciples saw them and scolded (discouraged) them for doing so. (Italicized word added) Luke 18:15. For whatever might be the disciples reason for rebuking or scolding the parents are adults who also brought children (babies) unto Jesus, that he might place his hands on them (that his blessing might remain on them forever), they were discouraging both the parents and the children themselves. Jesus saw the wicked thing his own disciples did, and he raised his voice called to the children. They came, others were brought to him. If hands can be laid on ancient resources, one would discover that those children, who encountered him that day, became different from the peas. In fact,

one would be surprised that many if not all of those children and babies made it to heaven.

Today, some so-called believers put scenarios that lead to people being discouraged from bringing children to Jesus or are discouraging the children. Be careful with how you react with your words or conducts when you see children act in excitement towards the things of God, when they hear about Jesus. Jesus calls them to himself, and is the reason for their usual or natural excitements, expressed with much shouting's and jubilation it is with innocence of hearts. It is Christ himself who speaks to their hearts when a call is given for children gathering unto God. Be careful, and watch yourself against any form of disdainful act towards them, transfer of your hatred or anger and impatience of your human nature upon them for their uncontrolled loud shouting's and rejoicings an excitement towards God that really places him. Only be calm to calm them, learn to comfort yourself and also help them become calm, however happy or joyous they may be.

Every healthy child rejoices at birthdays celebration, children day celebrations, naming ceremonies, Sunday school for children, when they are about to receive gifts, which they like so much and know about. Children are excited when the desire of the heart is met, many things they can do to provoke an unbroken adult to anger exist, but let Christ in you, dear disciples respond to them, and call them to himself instead of rebuking or scolding or chasing them away. One thing Jesus will never do is to drive away those whom the father gives him.

Hear the confession of Jesus to this effect: "Everyone whom my Father gives me will come to me. I will never turn away anyone who comes to me, because I have come down from heaven to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me. And it is the will of him who sent me that I should not lose any of all those he has given me, but that I should raise them all to life on the last day. For what my father wants is that all who see the Son and believe in him should have eternal life. And I will raise them to life on the last day" John 6:37-40 (GNB).

The jealousy and passion of Christ for which reason he countered his disciples evil work against God's will, for those given him, was what made him insist that the children must come to him and must not be hindered by any Pastor, Preacher, General Overseer, Bishops, Reverable, Archbishops, Senior Pastors or anyone who works in other units of the Church such as, ushering unit, protocols, men, youths, women, teenagers and the likes. No one can be too close to Jesus as to discourage a child from coming to know him, he will fight such as he fights Satan. Because, he is resolute that, all whom the father gives him will come to him, and he will never turn away anyone who comes to him and he will never turn away anyone who comes to him, if Jesus the

anointed one of God will not turn away, who else has right to turn children away or keep them from coming to Christ. Every environment that is regarded as being right and supportive for the training of any child is such that only permits Christian disciplines and instructions.

Whenever a child is kept from reaching Christ in any way as God drives them, they cry back to God who fights for them. It may also make some of them so angry, that they lose excitement for the things of God. Do not give ground for the devil to plant anger in a child against Christ and godly activities, the ways in which some adults have been used (not by God) to provoke, rebuke, keep away, drive away, scold and discourage children and even some teenagers from coming to Christ to be touched by him are:

1. Taking advantage of them, because of their innocent hearts. Many corrupt, deceive the children and teenagers into participating in immoral and impure and immodest behaviors, that they (the adults) are not able to break away from, but are being destroyed by. They take advantage of their weakness and ability to resist forcefully, thereby making many of their victims to engage in immoral acts, like; homosexuality, pedophilism, lesbianism, smoking, partying, cultism, watching corrupting videos (pornography and other unedifying ones), teaching and helping young children masturbate, engage in kissing them adults or making children kill each other, oral sex etc. this list is endless, many children have become victims of some bad hearts, and have discouraged the children and adults. Apart from this done by really spirit-hearts, some others carried out by some so-called disciples and uncles whom the children and teenager have believed to be good, friendly and free to be with because of truth and the proximity created by family ties. The children are also deceived into these acts and warned never to say, or something dangerous would happen, just to cause the shame of their victimizers. I tell you many of these kinds of children and teens grow up with hate in their hearts, a wound too difficult to be healed by time except they are brought to Jesus through much intercession for God's mercies and grace. Some of these victims will grow up to never forgive or forget the evil act drive them, many years back, and others will determine to never trust anyone else, and they will be dying internally, under the heavy load of depression hatred, un-forgiveness and bitterness.

2. From careful studies are, observations, it is discouraged, that naby children naturally get discourage from trying again when:

- They are snubbing
- Avoiding their questions or not giving attention to the questions they ask and it becomes habitual

- They are sent away, children come to anyone they love and trust as a friend. When coming to you, either for consolation or in excitements, do not resist them, so sharply, that they turn back in sorrows, to their shares.

They also have emotion like you, mind it. It may expose them to any danger. Even if they are coming to you incessantly, find away to humbly, patiently and in love provide them the support they need, and promise to show up for them when you are less busy, or promise to create time for them. How will you feel when Christ rejects you for any reason!

When children are turned down too often, they might fail to see love and even approaching Jesus might be difficult for them. Give the child the maximum attention and opportunity the need to interact with you when in need of your attention. Give them the help they need arises. If a child is able to judge your responses as love, you have won his heart for Jesus. You would easily lead such into Christ's arms and be glad you did so.

- Children see Christ in you first, before they can truly approach him spiritually. Be the Christ they can see; live your life in such a way that when they are questioned if they have ever seen Jesus, they can say yes by referring to you. Become Jesus made flesh unto them. Do not give them promises you know you won't fulfill, or that you are not able to fulfill. If by your life, you give a child the wrong notion about Jesus, to be somebody who gives a promise he cannot keep, or he will not fulfill, their perception and knowledge and understanding of Christ's personality would be distorted, related with children with the mindset of helping to correct their perspectives about who Christ really is. Let them know Jesus Christ by knowing you through safe intimacy.

- Another way to keep them from being discourage from coming to Christ is your use of words. Every child is born with a right ability unique to them. What they may not have the natural ability to do should not make you. Compare them with our child who does so easily, the physiological environmental factors into which they were born will be to blame not the child. Check the words you use in addressing them , as a believer avoid using curses, vulgar languages and hateful mood in communication your mind to them. All children can learn and become better from the ones whom Jesus placed his hands upon had their unique differences, weakness and stubbornness, with much patience, prayers and teachings, they will see Christ. Bad words revealed upon them in response to an in manner exhibited remain in them. It will cause them depression, it will give them the wrong metal image about themselves, they will look down on themselves, and suffer from low sent esteem, in fact, some of their potentials might never again be exposed because of you spoke to their hearts in your anger or in response to their actions.

Do not address a child you love according to his current mistakes and actions. Love sees beyond the physical. The faith of love never fails. When they behave negatively, speak out to their heart the exact words you wish should become flesh in them, say what you know they are in God's sight to their hearing, do not attain with your words, what you know people think or say about any child. Christ sees who you are in him, God sees who you are in Christ, you should see whom the child is in God and practically, habitually and deliberately establish it with your words, which come from your renewed mind. For every believer, every word you receive in the spirit is spirit and life, use your words to birth a new spirit and a new life (the new creation) life in the child. Every other activity that a man may engage in, which can discourage a child will make the child's environment too harsh for him to have a correct growth into Christ through Christian discipline and instruction.

C. Scripture advocacy: Ezra was a scholar with a thorough knowledge of the law which the Lord the God of Israel had given Moses. Because Ezra had the blessing of the Lord, to practicing it, and to teaching all its laws and regulations to the people of Israel. Ezra 7:6, 10 (GNB).

God also change Joshua similarly: just he determined, be confident; and make sure that you obey the whole law that my servant Moses gave you. Do not neglect any part of it and you will succeed wherever you go. Be sure that the book of the law is always read in your worship. Study it day and night, and make sure that you obey everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Remember that I have commanded you to be determined and confident don't be afraid or discouraged, for I, the Lord your God, am with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:7-9.

Moses was charging the Israelite about how much attention required them to give to his commandment, they and their children alike, he said to them: "Israel, remember this! The Lord- and the Lord alive - is our God. Love the Lord your God with all our heart, with your soul and with all your strength. Never forget these commands that I am giving you today. Teach them to your children, repeat them when you are not home, and when you are away, when you are resting and when you are working. Tie them on your arms and wear them on your foreheads as a reminder. Write them on the door-posts of your houses and on your gates. Deut. 6:4-9.

And Paul also charges his son Timothy, saying, "timothy, keep safe what has been entrusted to your care" 1 Timothy 6:20. And the apostle Peter have this to say to us - saints my grace and peace be your in full measure through your knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. God's divine power has given us everything we need to live a truly religious life through our knowledge of the one who called us to share in his own glory and goodness. 2 Peter 1:2-3.

The quotations are made from both the Old Testament and also the New. This is to simply show how much the knowledge of God and of Jesus is an indispensable commodity to every believer, adult or child, the entire scripture and much the book of Psalms puts it forward, that God's people should commit themselves to the study and obedience of the word and teachings of God's law, that they may find truth, rest and direction in every area of their lives. God actually made life on earth so simple, according to his original plan, but man has complicated everything for himself and for other creation (Eccl. 7:29). And now by his hands the design of the world system makes it quite uneasy, even difficult for both Christian's adults and children to give all needed attention to the word of God. Even many pastors have become so distracted and the world has crept into the midst of God's people who were praying without watching. Today several concepts and human generated principles with which the world system runs, is being applied, deliberately and otherwise. The activities of governments and private and co-operate organizations, how their systems run daily, affects the entire life of human beings, believers inclusive, and the children's spiritual formation slides into the mind of the current tides managing the 21st century, the church must awake. Because the destiny of the tomorrow Church to which our children today are not exempted, is beginning to take up a coarsed, a braking and an unsure founding platform, the norms are more in favor of the worldly un-Churched citizens. Some governing bodies even lay out rules and regulations which makes it almost hard for a sincere disciple of Christ to serve God with ease while working for a government or some other non-governmental organizations.

This dreadful fall in the society affects the Christian child. The ever increasing knowledge and wisdom of men in technological advancement and scientific paradigm, models and its domestic systems, which finds their ways into the bedroom or home of almost every earner on earth today, is another necessary evil. The children now have all rounded them, everything they need to satisfy their craze for flesh. The media is stained with unsafe images and videos, the streets have become so full of unhealthy musical productions, with styles and lyrics that are destructive to the innocent heart of the Christian child. No one really have to teach any toddler between ages three to ten and over, that an android phone can do many things as they can be seen sliding up and down, enjoying the imageries, icons and other exiting children centered features, made readily available in app stores and play stores, and without any human teacher, they get taught by what they see and bear, because, it appeals to their natural senses. They can stay on that for as long as they are satisfied with it. They and more have become a fight against the attempts made by the church, parents or Sunday school teachers to cause to

create a working system to still help these innocent generation see greater need for the word of God.

In creating the right environment for the training, teaching and making of a child, or the children in your care, there is need to adopt some or all of the following strategies under listed, as a way of advocating insistence upon the study of the despite the opposing activities of the prince of this world and the system ruling the world.

1. Wall of Scriptural Verses (scripture advocacy)

Over the years, as I began my journey with the Lord, one thing he has established in my heart and insisted upon, is the pasting of printed or written portions and Bible related quotations on my walls, where I find myself, and this has become consistent up till now. Moses in his command to the Israelite tells them on how much they must feed their eyes, spirit and heart with the laws of God, so that they might always keep it in views. Having the content of the word at heart sufficiently is okay, and no harm will be done if some of the verses of the Bible are brought out, printed on platforms and surfaces that allow it, so that both the adult believer and the child might always live within an environment with every turn, speaking/voicing out the will and word of God, to guide and guard the heart, help decisions made to be in order and in accordance to God's word. Every believer becomes what they see and hear. Images stick longer to the mind, and is usually more easily remembered than spoken words. Let pictures of Bible stories be drawn and/or obtained from bookshops, to be used on the wall of the rooms where the child sleeps, where they play, where they do their Sunday school classes (children class) and anywhere they are around, where the child/children are most likely to be for a moment, according to Moses in Deuteronomy 6:4-9, the word of God should be taught to the children repeated when they are at home and when they are away, when they are resting and when they are working. It should be tied on their arms and worn on their foreheads as a reminder. It should be also written on the door posts of your home and your gates. The wisdom is so that, the child's world might be nothing but God's word. Paul talks of preaching Christ to everyone with all possible wisdom, warning and teaching the people in order to bring each one into God's presence as a mature individual in union with Christ. He also added that to get this job done, he toiled and struggled, wing the mighty strength which Christ supplied and which was at work in him, (Col. 1:28-29). Training of a child with the aim of bringing him up in life as a mature individual in union with Christ requires unyielding deliberations. To mature any child well, a teacher must prepare to labor; toil and struggle in the strength of the Lord to achieve it.

One may have to get plain papers and writing inks, pens, such as marker. One may also use cardboard paper for large write ups and images. Beloved, the easiest way

to get into a child's heart is through their eyes and heart. Deliberating create an environment for the mental developing an environment that is saturated with more of the word of God. Their perspective to life, their worldview, and their thought pattern, whole life will be more easily enlightened (Psalm 119:135) "The entrance of thy word giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" (KJV). "And also, because, where the word of a king is there is power" Eccl. 8:4 (KJV). The psalmist adds, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and light unto my path. Psalms 119:105 (KJV), and "thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" Psalms 119:11 (KJV).

Any child who must be trained to remember the word of God, for life and take the word as what gives light o his whole life, the power of God, as what keeps him from ever sinning against God, a deliberate and laborious step should be taken to create an environment that supports such expectation and birth the purpose in him. Do what you can to make the child see Jesus at every turn in the house. The word of God is the written life of Jesus Christ. As much as they see the living word of God, they have greater chances of seeing Christ. If you expose the child to God's word, he will walk in the power of God through the word as he grows into maturity. Paint your child's environment with the word of God. Be deliberate about it, when they go out, they are exposed to a lot of falsehood and lies such as can bring them corruption in their thoughts and affect how they view life. But on getting home, let them be welcome with by the word of God; let God's word bring the needed balance to their distorted and distracted focus.

2. Daily Devotions

"Our father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread" Matt. 6:9-11. "Give us day by day our daily bread" Luke 11:3. Also we see in Jesus, the habit of seeking God early, "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out and departed into a solitary lace, and there prayed." Mark 1:35.

This habit of sincerely rising up in the early hours of the morning before day light appears, excusing one's self during the day and even at night, to enable one seek God's face in fellowship is an essential and indispensable activity for every believer. Individual and cooperator prayer at home and at work helps get one's mind and focus on the Lord day, setting the heart alright to work in the day as unto God, and not as unto the flesh. Jesus would leave the midst of possible distractions very early to seek God. He taught his disciples to pray to God for their daily bread, day by day. He knows they would need more than physical bread (food), but more of the word of God, which they would get during such prayers. He quoted Moses in Deut. 8:3 that, "man shall depend on bread alone to sustain him, but on everything that the Lord says."

Train up a child to observe his daily devotions, days and nights and you would be raising a true child of faith, who would never depend on what having that which satisfies or sustain alone, but a child who would pray, wait and receive every word which the Lord says to him daily and for any matter. The greatest men and women of faith of the renown, in the past and even at present have done that. They depended on what God say, or would say concerning any issue, before they ever took a step to act. Let the child practically see you live this way. Let him see your consistence in fellowshipping daily alone before even the general devotions. Teach him to know why, and he should be indoctrinated with the habit of hearing and talking to God first before ever saying good morning to any other human being.

The strongest believer through whom God did much mighty works actually had a thorough knowledge of God experientely and personally s that they were able to become his witnesses outside before men, by the things God accomplished through them. Therefore one or the best and most effective methods used in the scriptures, and recommended by God is seeking him early, daily in fellowship and teaching the young child to do same and as a habit to grow up in such way. Help the child learn how to do it effectively. It could be with the use of devotion, booklet modified for kids or you may guide through with selected by reading plans study through a Bible character and helping him draw out lessons learnt on a daily basis. Nurturing a child who would not be proud to consult God in the future despite the many manifestation of God's grace seen in his life is by a toil and struggle and establishing the habit or doctrine of observing daily devotion and the habit or doctrine of observing daily devotions and meditations on God's word is a major path to achieving it.

Help the child create a systematic study outline, to enable him learn systematically. Let him have a conducive and safe atmosphere within your view to observe his fellowship with Jesus. At the same time, teach him to meditate on portions read, to write down new insights personal revelations and wisdom gleaned from God's word daily, showing him how to actually pray over it, go over it again in the day and at night, and help him see to it, that God teaches his beloved children daily, so that they might know him, his ways and be obedient to him by the things he teaches them.

Cool of the Day

"And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day" Genesis 3:8 (KJV). The atmosphere for having personal fellowship with God is a major factor in having a blissful and effective Holy Communion with the father. Ensure that there is coolness around the child, that there is a calm and distraction free movement provided for his devotion, whether in the early hours of the morning, in the day or at night. As for the first couple on earth, though already separated from God

through spiritual death, yet they heard the voice of God while he walked to them in the cool of the day. The cool of the day may be seen as a concept for a period of calmness both physical, mentally, or spiritually. So it could be any moment at all, having quality personal fellowship with God must be in the cool of the day. Some prefer no sounds at all. It depends on individuals. This coolness of mind and the environment enhances fruitful meditation and an effective communion that will surely birth the expected result. The best and most effective or quality centered devotions are done in the cool of the day. Help the child maintain maximum quietness and calmness around and within him.

The Daily Manna

“The Lord said to Moses, “Now I am going to make food rain down from the sky for all of you. The people must go out every day and gather enough for that day. In this way I can test them to find out if they will follow my instructions”. On the sixth day they are to bring in twice as much as usual and prepare it. Exodus 16:4-5. The giving of the daily manna was God’s provision for the people’s journey as they traveled to Canaan. All believers and children inclusive are on a journey to heaven, and God’s daily provision cannot but keep coming to sustain each Christian in his pilgrimage to heaven. The manna stopped falling for the people as soon as they got to Canaan, there was no need for it anymore; for us believers, God’s daily spiritual meal should cease only when we get to heaven finally, but until then, we must avail ourselves for the Lord’s daily bread, for our strength, to know how to obey him, and to be firm when faced with all the necessary trials and test and temptations common to all believers in the faith.

I am going to make food to rain down from the sky for all of you, (verse 4). The daily spiritual food for the spirit man of the believer is required for all believers. Every adult and every child has his own share. The pastor must eat his own the members must receive tier from above daily. The children teacher must eat his, the children too must be taught and guided to receive their habitually on a regular basis. This is essential, that they may be no weak believers in our midst, knowing this that we are all parts, members of the body of Christ, knitted into the blood and flesh and bone of Christ’s Church. Each one of us is a building instrument for the building of the Church. A weak one will bring about much problem to every other part.

Gathering Enough is Compulsory for Every One

“The people must go out every day and gather enough for that day” (verse 4), this statement made by God does not sound like a request, or an option-providing decision. God said it is compulsory for everybody to go out every day and gather enough for that day. It is God’s command. It is for everyone to have what will keep them strong and alive for the activities of that day. Like in the parable of the ten virgins

who waited for the arrival of the bridegroom, five were foolish because they did not take oil. The five wise ones took enough for their need; they took as much as they would need for the waiting task. The Lord really wants the Church to become like the five wise virgins, in taking enough provision for the days spiritual task and needs. It is when each member of the body is having enough that the body can grow upward faster, and also stonger. Every child who has been brought to Christ is an indispensable member of his body, they should be shown the necessary, how important and essential it is for him to also go into the Lord's presence alongside the adult believers to gather as much as he can gather, to enable him have enough of God's grace sufficient for the day, since he also has a unique role to pray in the Church. The length and quality of time and concentration given in the course will determine the measure anyone can take or gather daily. Let all forms of domestic distractions be put out until enough has been gathered for the day. As we must not forget, that even this is a test to us believers, which God brings our away to find out if we will follow his instructions, may we never be found wanting, (Verse 4c).

Taking Extra on Certain Days

"On the sixth day they are to bring in twice as much as usual and prepare it" (verse 5). The Lord because of their Sabbath, day of rest, commanded them to gather twice as much as usual. This is the principle of gather extra, for the believer and for another, and for special occasions. Many times to avoid spiritual emptineu and starvation one is required to spend longer hours, more days, and deeper concentration. This is so that one can be filled with enough for his own spiritual needs daily, and for special occasions, such as when he is required by Holy Spirit to preach in meetings, evangelize or minister to the spiritual need of another believer. Many Christians have given more than they receive and most times when this happens a kind of dynes step into their spiritual live, and it may even linger for a while until they have created enough time before the Lord to get filed up again. Some preachers and serious minded believers have even fallen into sin while they reached this level of spiritual emptineu. When any believer notices that , he has given out more than he had capacity to receive before, it is a dangerous path, let him run back to the throne of grace to receive grace to help in time of need.

As a children teacher, pastor, preacher and minister or the gospel, who is most likely needed to teaching some people, gathering "twice as much a usual" is the recommended measure. Ministers who even do more in ministering several times a day, should not become proud because of God's grace and mere working upon them with the blessing of the past fellowship they had; let them learn to deny the audience or turn down invitations to minister some times, to enable the report before the master, to

ask for more of his grace, strength and be taught further. Hence, the need for regular personal retreats, it is pride not to gather twice as much as usual daily, if you are a minister of the gospel.

You cannot gather more than enough

“Moses said to them, this is the food that the Lord has given you to eat. The Lord has commanded that each of you is to gather as much of it as he needs, two liters for each member of his household.” The Israelite did this, some gathering more, others less. When they measured it, those who gathered much did not have too much and those who gathered less did not have too little. Each had gathered just he needed. Exodus 16:16-18, (GNB). Whether for an believer or a child, God’s provision from the store of heaven is inexhaustible. If you can spend a whole hour, do so, if a whole day, a week, or even a whole month before the Lord in fellowship there is no law against it. Moses even spent forty (40) days twice. And prophet Isaiah called for enlargement, which means more and more can be taken, as long as your receiving vessel is not lined up. Those who hunger shall be filled.

In God’s invitation to the waters, Isaiah’s calls:

“Come, everyone who thirst; come to the waters; and he who has no money, come buy and eat! Come buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me, hear that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near,” (ESV).

And in breaking the goodness of God’s blessing of expansion to the barren, Isaiah, spoke out, saying; “Sing, O barren one, who did not bear; break forth into singing and cry aloud, you have not been in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than the children of her who is married” Says the Lord. Enlarge the place of your tent and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left and your offspring will possess the nations and will people the desolate cities Isaiah 54:1-3 (ESV).

The costliest commodity on earth, which can be pursued even by the poorest man on earth, is mentioned in Isaiah 55:1-3. It is actually regarded by God as “what is good”, “rich is food”. It is the habit of coming to God’s waters, listening to him, inclining one’s ear to him and hearing him. Many of the people who are rich in this world are so poor in the currency value needed to purchase this one, which even the

poorest man can afford, by simply coming to God for fellowship, either as an individual or in a group meeting.

In the second passage – Isaiah 54:1-3, the Lord shows clearly, that what the barren and desolate fellow would do to really have the “more” children he promises will be for her to in faith and trust in God’s promise enlarge the place of your tent do not hold back. For a child of God, you are eligible now in Christ to reserve as much spiritual blessing as you are able to only if you can enlarge, increase, expand and lengthen your capacity to receive from him. If you can spend more time with the Lord in personal devotions, you will be enlarging your receiving capacity, and consequently your giving or delivery capacity too will be enlarged. Every believer should be taught to do this, since all are ministers of God (2 Cor. 5:17-18).

Children too are not left out, if you train up a child to stay before the Lord for long hours, he will grow with it, into it, and such a child has more chances of doing greater and remarkable exploits for the Lord in the now and in the future. When he is old, he will never fail to remember the levels of substances he was introduced to from childhood. Today so many adult believers struggle to spend even fifteen minutes alone with God. This is why many of them do not have any tangible thing to offer themselves, the Church and their generation or the generations yet unborn.

Gather your share early enough

Every morning each one gathered as much as he needed; and when the sun grew hot, what was left on the ground melted, Exodus 16:21 (GNB). And they heard the voice of the Lord, walking in the garden in the cool of the day, Gen. 3:8a. Every morning the Lord will awaken the Israelites to go out before him and take their shares of his provision (the manna), God would require them to get up early enough, in the cool of the mornings, while there was still calmness, and noise is less and while the sun had not grown hot to cause the thing to melt. Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted (ESV). Isaiah told of his own experience and daily lifestyle, he said, “The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught, Isaiah 50:4, (ESV).

There of the most useful moments of a man’s life is the morning. For adults, whatever became their life in adulthood was a result of the decisions they made, while at childhood and at teenage. Every man’s life is settled from the foundation of their days and even for a believers, Jesus rose up while it was yet very dark, and go to the place he would fellowship with the father, before he got distracted with the task of the day, even the legitimate tasks as a man. And his responsibilities as a preacher which he

must attend to comes after fellowshiping with the father in the morning, and at the earliest hours, he fought every possible distraction in order to have an undistracted ministerial delivery in the day, and later at evening again, he would depart to the lonely places to report back to the father, this was his habit.

Morning hours are usually very cool. The earliest hours are usually better for hearing God's voice, since the environment is cool then, and the mind has not been triggered by any major activity for the day. Let the Lord wake you up in the mornings. What you will engage in that will make it hard and difficult for you to arise to this task of early daily devotion should be cut off or controlled maximum. Train up the child to seek God also early enough. Let him know that the first person to hear his voice and whom he must speak to daily is the Lord.

Another thing is that, when the sun becomes hot, the manna not picked up will melt away. Sunrise is a natural phenomenon for a good climate. However, for a believer and follower of Christ, the sunrise of the troubles for each day should not come up before you observe your daily devotion. Every object of distraction to the freshness of one's heart should not be allowed to spring up before the daily manna of God's word for the day is received. God gives a word for each day, receive it before ever going out, otherwise it might practically become difficult before getting it later. And most times, even when it comes, it is not fresh to the mind and the ability to strengthen the inner man for that day's spiritual responses is weakened by the other natural human related activities. Receive your daily manna before taking off with house chores, school, work, office or any other assignment. Let the child learn to start up his day, his life, his morning with Christ and his voice.

Avoid depending on yesterday's food

Moses said to them, "No one is to keep any of it for tomorrow." But some of them did not listen to Moses and saved part of it. The next morning it was full of worms and smelt rotten and Moses was angry with them, Exodus 16:21. Pride, fear, lack of faith (doubt), and a disobedient heart made some of the Israelites to depend in the left one. Although, no one can ever gather too much of God's knowledge and word, yet no man is expected to depend upon what he gathered today for tomorrow's need. Gathering more is to help you become a greater help to others sufficiently. The Lord wanted to teach them that man shall not live by bread alone, but by everything which God says (Deut. 8:3), but self, fear and unbelief would not allow some of them. They feared God would not help them another day, since he was not providing at one time, they wanted to secure eternity carnally, no way, they failed. Know this that the word you need for tomorrow will come tomorrow and even when it comes today, still go before the Lord to get for the new day. Depending on what you were taught yesterday

is depending on bread alone, avoid it. Have faith that God's word and other provision you need daily, will surely come with the gift of the new day Joy comes in the morning.

Train the child up with this mindset that, God has and gives a new word for each day, a word that is fresh and sufficient for the troubles of the day. As a way of fashioning the right environment for each child to be trained, with Christian disciple and instruction, they should be able to watch your life and do what you do. There are certain of your lifestyle as a teacher or parent which they should see you practice. You are not to do any as a way of making show or being a hypocrite. If any was not your true habit or part of your lifestyle, you've to repent and began it today, so that the child can see Jesus live his life in you practically. If you become his human reference (Col. 2:8-9) of Jesus, he will be better trained.

1. Let him see you study the Bible
2. Let him see you meditate on scriptures, how you do it.
3. Let him see you write down every new revelation or light you get upon your studies and meditations.
4. Let him see you obey the things you are taught by the Holy spirit from the Bible.
5. Let him see you practically reading and teaching the Bible, to an individual and to two or more people, giving attention to how Jesus does it in you.
6. Let him see you pray with so much passion and sincerity upon what you have studied, and even ordinarily.
7. Let him see you intercede, how you intercede, and when and where you do it. When you have the privilege of training a child in the Lord's way, so as to remember each teaching and disciplines in future, you must be deliberate, so deliberate as to indoctrinate him with the true knowledge of Christ. In fact, help the child or the true knowledge should be interceded for. Let the passage for your intercession be pasted everywhere you do it, to keep the word close to his eyes and heart. Do your best to create this kind of a prayer environment for the child. Let them practically and physically see themselves living, and moving and having their beings in Christ because of their environment, they deserve it, because children are the heritage, the belonging of the Lord (Ps. 127:3-5).

Other things to do to create the right environment for the growth includes, inculcating into them the habit of memorizing both long and short verses and/or chapters of the Bible, using every wisdom possible. It may be daily memory verse, weekly, or bi-weekly or month, as you may choose or decide.

a. Allowing them participates in daily and weekly Bible clubs with their peers. It may be organized by you in the neighborhood or some other believer you know and are sure of. It should be done in the cool of the day, early in the morning or in the evening,

depending on the environment and lifestyle of those in the neighborhood, or considering other factors.

b. Participation in Bible based competition will also help greatly. It will train them with the mindset of concentrating more on the word of God to discover new truths and ask questions for clarity, even though they will not neglect other domestic activities for children. Engaging in safe Bible competitions will help them grow wide too.

c. Christian home videos and music: when they are trained in an environment, where they see gospel films and listen to edifying music, they will have a good training. Let the children be guided to see image, pictures and videos and listen to songs that compliment the scripture you expose too. Sit and watch home videos with them, answer their questions and also ask them helpful questions explain the Bible truths acted on scenes to them, and have them decide which scripture best support what they have seen. Do this with a child, and with children.

d. Also establish one or have them join a gospel singing, writing or drama group, where they put their creative minds to work, connecting the Bible truths to normal daily lives of men in the society, as they have seen.

Bible reading habit: apart from ensuring they observe their daily devotions, help them develop a healthy habit. Get them a good Bible reading plan, and also Christian literatures written for kids. This will really go a long way to also greatly enhance their performances in academics. Watch them reads, study and make notes, relevant to the study and for their references.

e. Good education comes from a good educator: if you are parent, or a believer with children around you, be careful with the brother or sister with whom you entrust your child. The character of any child is more quickly formed through the influence of their teacher, and if their classmates at school, know the child's tutor, if possible, on one basis and be sure of the persons normal lifestyle before handing you child over to the person. The damage that will be caused in the child life by a corrupt teacher, maybe difficult to reverse. Possibly ask questions about the teacher's daily life. An unbeliever cannot impart light but darkness only. Know the teacher, so as to enable you know the possible wrong attitude of the tutor manifesting in the child, who innocently got influenced in attempt to submit to the authority he is placed under. If the teacher indulges in rises such as smoking, drinking-alcohol, immoralities, etc, in just a matter of time, some will manifest, water out, take your child to a Bible based education centre around, or start one.

f. Good sleep, rest and quality food will help their training; seek medical advices and counsels as to how much rest a child should have, require to their growth,

performances and in learning process. Do your best to get them eating good healthy and rich food in the right portion (size). Invest into their health, all rounds.

g. Vacations and excursions and sightseeing: as long as you have the mean, take them out to have fun, under your watch, or of some trusted friends. Let them stay away from the home environment once in a while to places they love, which you hear them talk about; God's word does not condemn it. It makes them happy feel loved and strengthen your love and affection for them and vice versa, they will love you, miss you, and their hearts will be softened enough to listen to you on other matters.

When a child grows in the atmosphere of love, the power of love will enhance, them giving the right responses, obedience, all round performance with excellence, the will have the sense of belonging, grow with it, and overcome low self esteem regardless of the economics background of your family, from which they grow; it modifies and stabilizes their worldview, they will not be easily intimidated by anything, and have boldness to face what their peers may not be able to bear. They will grow with the courage to face the future and all it will bring their way. Any child who lives in love, have all it takes to relate with all manner of people enjoyably, he will stand out in many things, and said before will always have high chances of performing excellently.

In conclusion, the system that should be employed in the training of child, to develop all his potentials and to remain relevant throughout life, can be determined by taking not through careful study of the system, principles of life and factors and elements of the world system which kills their godly and positive natural potentials and which makes it difficult for them to see God.

Every believer must focus on helping a child or some children see God. We do this by adopting godly activities, which much sacrifices of prayers, teachings and toiling which will help them see God better, from childhood through teenage hood and to adulthood.

Receiving the Kingdom of God like a Child

Luke 18:17; John 3:3-8; Luke 8:13; James 1:21; Matt. 18:1-5; Mark 10:13-16.

Submit to God and accept the word that he plants in your hearts, which is able to save you. Do not deceive yourselves by just listening to his word; instead, put it into practice, James 1:21-22 (GNB). The seeds that fall in good soil stand for those who hear message and return it in a good and obedient heart, and they persist until they bear fruits, Luke 8:15 (GNB). At that time the disciples came to Jesus, asking, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" So Jesus called a child, made him stand in front of them, and said, "I assure you that unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. The greatest in the kingdom of heaven is the one

who humbles himself and become like a child. And whoever welcomes in my name one such child as this, welcomes me, Matthew 18:1-5 (GNB).

Some people brought children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples scolded the people. When Jesus noticed this, he was angry and said to his disciples, "let the children come to me, and do not stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as this. "I assure you that whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will never enter it. Then he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on each of them, and blessed them, Mark 10:13-16 (GNB). It is important to understand correctly, a child as Jesus showed in the main text - Luke 18:15-17. Before digging deeper into God's wisdom to see why he recommends the child-like nature to those who desires to enter heaven. Luke 18:17- remember this; whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will never enter it, (GNB).

"Like a child" this statement is a "simile" in literature. This suggests that, anyone who becomes like a child will enter heaven. It is not saying, you should become a child by age, that would mean the kingdom of God is primarily for those who die or are raptured physical children, or that only babies will make heaven, so Nicodemus almost thought. From the discussion held between Jesus and Nicodemus and from the response Jesus gave to his disciples, we can thus see clearly that, the kingdom of God, those who will ever possess anything of God, must be converted to new born babies spiritually by being born again. They are to begin or be brought to that condition of life - all the new birth, where they become new born babies in God's kingdom; they must be converted to children, as in spiritually, beginning an entirely new life again, but now in the spiritual realm with the life of God - the divine nature. It is a condition of existence where everything must start afresh, like a baby born a new into the world comes into a whole new realm of reality, away from the world and the environment of the womb where his conception and initial physical formations began. Therefore, speaking literally, as Jesus puts it to Nicodemus, "I am telling you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again. John 3:3 (GNB). And also when he answered the argument and quest of his disciples, he called a child, made him stand in front of them and said, "I assure you that unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven, Matthew 18:2-3 (GNB).

He was so emphatic in saying this, everyone who wants to be saved has to become like a child, be born the way a new child is born to the world, such a person also must be born again, into the spiritual realm, with complete spiritual configuration, so that in his living physically here on earth, men will see a whole new set of activities, lifestyle, relationships, likes and dislikes, completely different and opposite to the way in which others do it; he has a complete change in the aspect of worldview, he sees man

differently; he sees the world and its system as entirely new, even repulsive the usual ways of other men. These mentioned are a few of the instant change that begins to take place and physically seen as a permanent change in him by men, who will also testify about it.

The mother responsible for the conception and birth of this new child in this old physical vessel (the body) is the Holy Spirit of God himself. A change of life source is also a change in nature. The seed of the divine nature is sown in every one born in this way by the spirit and word of God altogether. Furthermore, Jesus told him, "I am telling you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the spirit. A person is born physically of human parents, but he is born spiritually of the spirit. Do not be surprised because I tell you that you must all be born again. The wind blows wherever it wishes; you hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. It is like that with everyone who is born of the spirit. John 3:5-8 (GNB).

Spiritual birth externalized by the complete change of one's entire life and nature, being controlled, sustained and preserved, guided and guarded to balance with the opposing system if the corrupt world is what qualifies any human who must enter into God's kingdom.

What attributes of a child are needed to really enter in?

For Jesus to make reference to the child he brought to their midst when he answered his disciples, means that, there are certain features of a child that attracts God's attention, and of everything that makes up his kingdom, towards anyone who possess any of or all such features, but, we will highlight - a few properties of the kingdom of God which are available to anyone who converts to become a child, by spiritual status (being born again). This includes the following

1. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
2. The glory and presence of God.
3. The Angels and other hosts of heaven, including the entire heavenly congregation and relationship with the heavenly Church.
4. The substance of our hope; the glorious inheritance Eph. 1:18
5. God's light (Eph. 1:18)
6. His power at work in us (Eph. 1:19)
7. Christ (Eph. 1:21-22); Isaiah 9:6).
8. All authority and power in the universe (Matt. 28:18).
9. Relationship with the Godhead and the heavenly hosts
10. Spiritual knowledge about all spiritual things
11. The heavenly realm itself

12. The wisdom, knowledge and understanding of God
13. The Shekinah glory of God
14. Everything present in the heaven lies (God's kingdom) and represented on earth here physically, which is but a mere shadow of the real things.
15. The grace and strength of God.
16. Kingdom economy
17. The storehouse of heaven
18. Access to the kingdom wealth.
19. The citizenship of the spiritual government that will never end.
20. The word of God, which doubles his will, ways, principles, pattern, life, etc.
21. The powers of the kingdom.
22. The mercy seat.
23. The slain lamb.
24. The presented blood of the lamb.
25. The patterns of how everything is done in heaven - access to it
26. The royal priesthood, 1 Peter 2:9
27. Heavenly support system and crew for the workers of the earth colony.
28. The victory of the lamb over all things.
29. The tree of life in the paradise of God, Rev. 2:9.
30. Escape from the second death; Rev. 2:11.
31. The hidden manna, the white store with the new name written on it, and made known only to the receivers respectively, Rev 2:17.
32. Authority over the nations to rule, Rev. 2:26
33. Opportunity to be clothed with white garments, to walk with Jesus in white, Rev. 3:5
34. The book of life with their names, who are saved, Rev. 3:5
35. Confusion of one's name by Jesus Christ himself to the father, Rev. 5:5
36. Reward to become pillar in the temple of God, Rev. 3:12
37. Opportunity of sitting with Christ on his throne, Rev. 3:21
38. The invitation to dine with Christ, Rev. 3:20
39. Invitation to living waters, Isaiah 11:28
40. Invitation to come and rest, Mt. 11:28
41. The privilege of serving God, 2 Cor. 5:18
42. The privilege of Sonship, John 1:12
43. The privilege of sharing the glory
44. The privilege of hearing the exact life of Christ, 1 John 4:17
45. The privilege of suffering for Christ here on earth

46. The privilege of persecution and dying for Christ's sake, Mt. 5:11
47. The privilege of participating in the anointing power and authority of Christ, and exerting them in healing the sick, raising the dead and doing all that Jesus did, and of cause much more according to one's faith.
48. Total freedom from sin, Satan, self, sickness and all satanic works
49. Proclaiming liberty to captives, releasing the prisoners of hell, shining out God's light everywhere darkness exists, Isaiah 6:1.
50. Ability to shine as star forever.
51. Having God as one's inheritance forever.

With a list as endless as this, one would say, there's inexhaustible prize for being a child of God.

The child like features that qualities one before to partaking in this glorious infinite blessings of the kingdom of God also includes the following traits common with any normal child:

1. Total submission to parents, guardians, teachers or anyone whom they receive as given charge over them by God.

2. Acceptance of whatever they are told:

Children easily believe and readily take to heart any instruction, rebuke, correction, indoctrination, habit etc. and all they are made to see by nature or shown/told by whom how to deceive themselves, they are real, blunt and straight forward.

3. Practicing all their learnt lessons by remembering them is no difficult a task for them. They do not concern themselves with anything that is too high for them, they will not pay attention to what does not concern their fun and play. They easily discard and forget about anything that does not please them, not exciting to them. But only give attention to that which makes them happy, and take it to heart, because it meets their most expected demands. For believers who hold tenaciously to the word of God's kingdom, it is because it satisfies their expectations, quenches their thirst and brings peace and comfort to their mind and soul and body.

The lifestyle of every innocent child (with underdeveloped human nature) can be taken as the lifestyle of a born again person in Christ, because sin is foreign, not known to the new creation life. Just as Adam and Eve knew no sin before they fail, a true born again in Christ knows and understands only the language of righteousness through the spirit and the word of God. Corruption has no single trace in the new life, and the knowledge of corrupt deeds and practices are never to be found in a truly born again person; however young or old he may be in Christ. This remains so forever because, "when anyone is joined to Christ, he is a new being; the old gone, the new has come" 2 Cor. 5:17 (GNB).

4. Short memory span for evil done to him:

Although, no child is taught to sin or become angry, it is spontaneously exhibited by them as they grow, because it is a trait of the old sinful nature which every mortal is physically configured and born with. Yet, even at this, children, especially infants are babies in sin, in the practice of any sin, they are inexperienced. The life of unforgiveness is not developed in them, though they might become angry when provoked, but sooner than later, they forget it, letting the pain evaporate out of the soft hearts. Children just naturally do stupid things and could also get offended, but will all the same quickly forgive their offender, forget about the offense and become friends with their offender very quickly. Every born again person does not keep offenses, give offense and he does not become an offense to anyone, or let any person become an offense to him. Every and long before offense come, they forgive and ready to forget it immediately. As Jesus is the one who died to forgive all sins, how can he possibly live or be alive in a new creation person and yet react negative to offenses, or even refuse to forgive or forget? No way. He already forgave humanity all their sin from the foundation of the world. Each person only needs to recognize his offenses and come to receive his forgiveness in his blood. All men have their share of his forgiveness in his blood.

5. The humility of a child:

“The greatest in the kingdom of heaven is the one who humbles himself and becomes like this child” Mt. 18:4-5 (GNB). It is humility to be truly substantial: at age twelve, Jesus was scolded by his parents because he followed them to worship in the temple in Jerusalem from Nazareth, a three journey by foot. After his spirit inspired response, he obediently and humbly went-down to Nazareth with them.

“He went down with them and was subject unto them (KJV)

“Jesus went back with them to Nazareth, where he was obedient to them (GNB)

“And came to Nazareth and was submissive to them (ESV)

The portion above is from around for the verb used to describe Jesus action as a child. It is only by virtue of humility that he could subject himself, under, submits to, and was obedient to some couple he knew even as a child that they were not able to understand his own sayings due to the high wisdom and spiritual revelation around it, but he just naturally could not but humble himself. This is the life all who are children in the school of spirit.

Paul instructed the Philippians that, “attitude should have is the one that he should try to become equal with God. Instead of this, of his own free will, he gave up all he had, and took the nature of a servant he became like man and appeared in human likeness. He was humble and walked the path of obedience all the way to death- his

death on the cross. For this reason God raised him to the highest place above and gave him the name that is greater than any other name. and so, in honor of the name of Jesus all beings in heaven, on earth, and in the works below will fall on their knees, and will openly proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the father. Phil 2:5-11 (GNB).

Children are humble. Any biological father who is born again by receiving Christ to be his Lord, becomes like a child in the kingdom of God. And for the humble life of a child that draws God to them, such a man would only remain as humble as a child to complete his race and with the final victory over physical death. In the teachings of the beatitudes, Jesus teaching mentioned it, that, "Happy are those who are humble; they will receive what God has promised" Mt. 5:5 (GNB). But King James Version puts it as: "Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth".

Humble people are meek. It is a new creation character that should find expression in every saint. And those who do not yet humble themselves are short of the blessedness from it. Such people should not relax, as Jesus calls out, "take my yoke and put it on you, and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit; and you will find rest" Mt. 11:29.

Humility can be learnt, please learn it from Jesus. Nobody can help you become humble, they can only humble you if you remain rigid, and stubborn and that force is a humiliating and disgraceful one. As Jesus says, "For the yoke I will give you is easy, and the world I will put on you is light" Mt. 11:30 (GNB). Once you agree to carry Christ's yoke and place it on your own shoulder by yourselves, you will learn to walk with him, and all your responses shall be in the direction he takes as the Lord. Only a man who denies himself can take Christ's yoke on himself. Doing so is similar to taking up your own cross (death to your own will in everything) and following Jesus, the master concurrently as you keep gaze, only on what he does, for you to also do it.

6. Children trust in the parent/guardians for all needs:

From Luke 2:51, we discovered how Jesus was found in the temple and how he went back with his parents and submitted to them. No child subjects himself willingly to a personality they do not or cannot trust. If they do as their parents or guardians ask them to do, they are comfortable to also make their requests known when in need. Children naturally are made to trust in their parents to meet all their needs, even when they may not know their parents latest economic status, they don't care; they will ask for great things. Children do not request, limiting themselves to what life appears to be around them. That is why the son of a peasant farmer can look up, seeing a flying airplane and request that he needs one. Their dreams are bigger than their environment can influence them against.

Born again person should trust the father for anything, greater than their own minds can conceive a way out through it. Believers should practically bank upon the capacity of God the Almighty for all what they may ever be in need of, which is according to his will for them and for others. Peter's writing says, "Leave all your worries with him, because he cares" (1 Peter 5:7) (GNB). If you have sincerely subjected yourself to the leadership of the God that has given birth to you now, confidently boast about how much you know he can do for you, he can meet your needs.

Because children believe in what their parents tell them more than what any other person says, they also will believe when they say, "that one is not good for you, let me give you the good one". They will believe what would be given them as the good one. Believers as well should believe completely on the father's promises for the best at each junction of life. When you ask the father in faith, and it never comes the way you were expecting it, still appreciate him and keep a positive mind alive, still believing that he's got the best reserved for you, and is responsible enough to bring it your way, though it tarries, it will come, the time may not just have come, yet the best of his plans will surely come, if you believe and wait on him. "The Lord says I will teach you the way you should go, I will instruct you and advise you" Psalms 32:8. And Jeremiah disclosed God's mind, "I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for" Jeremiah 29:11 (GNB). And apostle Peter also revealed that, "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue" 2 Peter 1:3 (KJV). God addressed Abram's need for a son, and showed Abram how rich he was, for just following God. The word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, "Fear not Abram, I am thy shield, thy exceeding great reward" Gen. 15:1 (KJV).

What other dimension of spiritual and physical wealth can a man ever acquire, or God give a man than that He (God) should offer himself to a man as the person reward. And for the levitical priests, they practically were not to have any other inheritance among their brethren, God himself was then inheritance. This value of wealth is meant for any man who becomes as a child in the life of God. God owns the world and all it contains, all he has given his children the right of access. The scripture says, we should trust the Lord with all our hearts and to never depend on our own understanding, acknowledging him in everything we do. Prov. 3:5-10.

Those children who have learnt to totally trust in their parents for all they need have cast all their cares, burden and worries on their parents, with complete faith. Even with their thousand needs not yet met, they will never be bothered, as to sit alone in a cold mood, worrying about it. They may even remind their parents, but they have cast

all their needs upon daddy and mummy, and they are free, because they no longer have anything else to worry about; substances of need, which is burdensome to the heart does not exist in their own mind again. Dad and mum carry all the loads. They have no load so ever to bear again.

Did Jesus not also give the invitation to rest?

“Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest” Matt. 11:28 (GNB), child of God, what you should carry is a rest of mind, and peace. Faithfully commit all your needs, however urgent and immediate or futuristic it may be, please learn obedience, as God’s child, he is responsible for all you have need of, which is according to his good will for you at the right time. Do not become cautious and borrow when you could have just cast it all on him, and waited or instead of using a means that you should not touch, why not relate and take advantage of who you are now whom you have become by virtue of knowing Christ. You have become like a child, and the kingdom of God, it’s blessings, promises, wealth and favors are also meant to satisfy you. You have a share in the glory and riches of God for his children. You have the privilege that Jesus Christ has in the heavenly places. Wisdom is the principal thing (Prov. 4:7). Just get insight and understanding of his will for you in Christ for your current needs and thank him for it after praying in faith. “Don’t worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need always asking him with a thankful heart. And God’s peace, which is for beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus” Phil 4:6-7 (GNB). The song “what a friend we have in Jesus.”

Matt. 6:25-34. When Jesus was teaching his disciples, he never kept the truth about his knowledge of their needs away. He said, “This is why I tell you not to be worried about the food and drink you need in order to stay alive or about clothes for your body. After all, isn’t life worth more than food? And isn’t the body worth more than clothes? Look at the birds, they do not sow seeds, gather a harvest and put it in barns, yet your father in heaven takes care of them! Aren’t you worth much more than birds? Can any of you live a bit longer by worrying about it? And why worry about clothes? Look how the wild flowers grow; they do not work or make clothes for themselves. But I tell you that not even king Solomon with all his wealth had clothes as beautiful as one of these flowers. It is God who clothes the wild grass- grass that is here today and gone tomorrow, burnt up in the oven. Won’t he be all the more sure to clothe you? How little faith you have!

So do not start worrying! Where will my food come from? Or my drink? Or my clothes? (These are the things the pagans are always concerned about) your father in heaven knows that you need all these things. Instead, be concerned above everything

else with the kingdom of God and with what he requires of you, and he will provide you with all these other things. So do not worry about tomorrow; it will have enough worries of its own. There is no need to add to the troubles each day brings, Matt. 6:25-34. (GNB). Ask, and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who ask will receive and anyone who seeks will find, and the door will be opened to him who knocks. Would any of you who are fathers give your son a stone when he asks for bread? Or would give him a snake when he asks for a fish? Bad as you are, you know how to give good things to your children. How much more, then, will your father in heaven give good things to those who ask him! Matt. 7:7-11 (GNB).

Our Lord and master Jesus gave all these elaborate explanations to his disciples, those who convert to become like children by virtue of their born again experience. He took time to me live and life instances of considering birds which do not need to own a farm or a business enterprise (large or small) to feed daily; or in need of a barn to store for harvest- for future security. He did this to teach us that the provision of your daily needs of food, drinks, clothing, and welfare generally is the responsibility of your father in heaven, for he owns all things (Ps. 24), and whether you are able to farm or work enough to maintain a fat bank account, it is not your duty to depend on all what you feel you have the ability to do, to prove manliness and maturity. This however does not mean that believers should never have a work at hand when then can do so, since scripture also talk about God's blessing the work of our hands, and guiding us in the executing of our plans. But that, whether employed or unemployed, be it known to you that, the father is highly interested in your general welfare. He does not give room for idleness, yet promises not be a teacher in times of need, ever ready to teach you the way you should go, to instruct you and advise you, but you mustn't be forced to submit to his approaches, Psalms 32:8-9. He requires your total dependence upon him daily. Acknowledging, carrying him along on every step you need to take, (Prov. 3:5-6).

The word for all your needs

The father cares so much for the children. Jesus says about him, "you know how to give good things to your children. How much more, then, will your father in heaven give good things to those who ask him! Matt. 7:11. Again, in using king Solomon and his affluence as a point of contact, Jesus said, Solomon was never able to clothe himself using his money to become as beautiful as one of the 'ordinary' flowers on a field. Those graces will be seen today, and are gone the need moment, weak as they appear, God made them to always appear with greater beauty and taught to eyes than King Solomon could ever array himself. Even a person who is poor in physiological capacity can be made by God to appear much more beautiful, attractive, delightful and pleasing

to the eyes of men when he takes care of them, if they trust him to do so, his own way. Trusting God with all your, not depending on your own understanding and always acknowledging God in all your ways by putting him at the center of your plan and focus, will bring you his grace and mercies. If you put your life at the mercy of God, he has the ability and is capable of arraying you in everything beyond your imaginations, only trust him. If at all you are a highly paid income earner, or that you do a business with huge turn over, yet acknowledge God in all your ways. Depending on your wisdom and understanding about spending your income according to your own knowledge of the needs around you will later render you as unfulfilled before God who gave you to ability to earn such wealth. Make his will for allowing you make the central focus of your plans and you will store up treasures for yourself in heaven

Now, God disclosed how he had always wanted the Israelites to live their lives and mankind as well generally. Christian journey is a long one, with rules and had signs guiding the way of pilgrims. Moses said the Israelites should remember how God led them on their long journey of forty (40) years through the desert how he was sending hardships to test them, so that he might know what they intended to do and whether they would obey his commands, (Deut. 8:2). God, “he made you go hungry, and then he gave you manna to eat, food that you and your ancestors had never eaten before. He did this to teach you that man must not depend on bread alone to sustain him, but on everything that the Lord says, Deut. 8:3 (GNB).

“Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord” (NIV).

This is an answer to the question of, ‘how should man live? How was man designed to survive here on earth? God designed man to live his life here on earth by following the things God says to him each time. This kind has to do with relationship. So, one may as well say, man is/was designed to survive on earth by virtue of his constant relationship with God- his creator; by continuing steadfastly on the terms of his personal relationship with God, he will live a fulfilled life.

Where communication ends, relationship also ends. Adam and Eve was cut off from communicating with the Lord due to their disobedient action towards God’s word to them. The couple had to go out of God’s presence, the place where the voice of his will was always very clear, sure and absorbable to them. They had to go out to work to till and plough the cursed ground so they could live on bread alone. The plan of redemption commenced from the garden and even at Egypt the Israelite had a foretaste of the impossibility of living by bread alone which means, they must work hard daily to sustain themselves. But God’s word reached Moses, who from when he was called, instructed and sent by God sealed not to live by God’s divine instructions for the

welfare of his people. Moses had the people out by virtue of his relationship with God, through his word which God generously spoke to him, along with detailed answers to the questions of Moses. In his eternal wisdom, he led them through tough situations of the wilderness, to test their heart, to see if they would obey his words, follow it or not. Though they failed many times, God allowed them go through hardship, disciplines, punishment and difficulties- some they caused and some he brought their way, as the case may be. For the ones he brought up, he had his own good plans in each of them. The ultimate lesson he really wanted to teach his people through their wilderness experiences and encounters altogether was to teach them, that man was originally created to live, be sustained, survive and walk on earth not by depending on any other thing (bread), which their strength, disobediences, intellects etc. can provide for that was an outcome of the curse God cursed the first sinners, but that man shall live, be kept and sustained through his times on earth by everything which God speaks to him. This is relationship-bonded. God wanted a relationship with man; he wanted man to relate with him through a constant relationship in the spirit by virtue of oral (worded) communication. This means, man was actually created by God for the purpose of relationship. The assignment of dominion over all other creation was to be carried on through a constant communion, fellowship and intimate relationship between God and man.

God did not make man in his image and likeness for man to toil and struggle so hard to survive, for that would look like God is wicked, because he is not. He himself made and created the entire cosmos by his word. He spoke and all things came to be. So also, man in his image and likeness was only to speak his will and things on earth will behave in order. That is why Adam named the animals, descending them by the name he called each and God agreed with him.

God's Provision Today

Even in God's provisional offers today, Christ is the creation word of God brought into flesh for man to see and touch and relate with God's eternal wisdom for the kind of life man was originally designed to live - we saw it in Christ. God has already provided all what his children will ever need in life, for life and godliness and are to be obtained through an accurate knowledge of the Lord Jesus and of the father through their knowledge of God's person, which was revealed in Jesus Christ. Knowing God's way begins and ends at truly knowing his son Jesus Christ, with deep and unfeigned attention placed upon his physical personality, how he lived, here on earth. Having a good knowledge of his lifestyle and whole heartedly bring peace, joy and rest in full measure to all who remain in him, with him and following him in all things with the same mind.

John said, "The word became a human being and full of grace and truth, lived among us, we saw his glory, the glory which he received as the father's only son" John 1:14 (GNB). This simply implies that, following Christ Jesus, everything about him, is just the same as following everything which God says (Deut. 8:3). Following Jesus is the correct and easiest way for anyone to obey the whole Bible (the written word of God). With the Israelite from Egypt, God was so jealous, and unlike the surrounding pagan nations, he wanted them to understand how much he wanted them to depend on him, trusting completely in his love and reciprocating the signals for a deep and intimate relationship in their walk with him, until they got to Jordan. God made man for the purpose of partnership for the work of dominion on earth through relationship. He would keep the next man away so they can talk to him in a loving relationship and by following the things he would know him more and more, but they seemed never to have understood him until they got to Canaan, after much loss had taken place with them. They depended on bread for survival in Egypt (while a believer was not yet in Christ), when God wanted them to live through life completely depending on his words to them each day. Jesus taught his disciples to pray, give us this day our daily bread or give day by day the food we need. He taught them so to teach his disciples how much prepared the father is to meet their daily needs sufficiently.

7. Children are Proud of their Parents abilities.

Every child who is shown true love and shown to be legitimate child of God has confidence in his parent. They are able to trust their parent's abilities and also proud of talking about it everywhere they find themselves. The pride of the child of a governor is not false, because it is real. He knows whom his father is, and speaks so boldly, proudly and confidently about his father status, in economy and otherwise. God's children should do more. God abilities remain the ever-existing spiritual currency which his sons and daughters bank upon. Love lay claims, sing about his wealth full authority and grace revealed in the person of Christ, the reason why he called us. But when we boast, it is in what was accomplished by the cross of Jesus, through love so that our boasting will maintain an eternal foundation and remain ever fruitful. Believers should deliberately and consciously sing God's praises and take decisions outside because we are so sure of his never changing personality and strength.

The grace of God- his unmerited favor up till now abides with all who do not feel their works of righteousness are reasons he is pleased with or found justified before him, whether you were or still a sinner, God's grace is already revealed for your salvation (Titus 2:11-12). In Christ's works of salvation exist all round successes and his children should be grateful and bask on this eternal reality. His salvation constitutes of riches, hope, blessings in high place, authority over Satan and sin, healing, deliverance

from temporal and eternal destruction of some and body, redemption etc. as God's children, men should see the father's abilities through our faith in him. They can see it because his abundant grace makes it ever possible. We can walk in his prosperity because he has it. We can grow in understanding of his will and purpose because that is his position in us.

In conclusion

Beloved, let the children come to Jesus. Do not hinder them through any means, commit yourself to the ministry of allowing them to come, meeting and knowing the master for themselves, do not stand against them. Give towards Christian children ministers. Engage in training a child in formal education or in the knowledge of God. Invest your finances in their lives; lay up treasures for yourself in the heavenly places. Use your physical and non physical resources to secure the future of the Church and of the nations by leading a child to Christ. The Lord says, "Let my people return to me. Remove every obstacle from their path! Build the road, and make it ready. Children are the heritage of the Lord, (Isaiah 57:14; Ps. 127:3-5). For have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God, children inclusive. Help remove every obstacle that could hinder them from returning to the Lord.

You are God's child. Remain God's child, access him with all the rights he's given you and rejoice in his eternal promises and blessings on the saints. Become a part of child-training ministry today. You surely have a major role to play as a follower of Christ. Consciously find out the locations where children can be found and commit to help them get to Jesus whose arms are spread, always ready to receive them, and through juvenile homes orphanages, children re-habitation centers, those on the streets and under the bridges exposed daily to the dangerous hands of hell and the world's evils.

God used children to show forth his glory and goodness in Luke 19:28-40, as Jesus entered into Jerusalem the multitudes and his disciples rejoiced and praised with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen him do. The religious leaders required him to stop the praises, but Jesus responded by saying, "if they would not do it, the very stones will be raised to do it. Children are not stones. But if the grownups would not bear the praise and glory of the kingdom of God about, the children will be raised by God to do so. The Psalmist says, "out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger" Ps. 8:2 (ESV). Whatever this means, God ordains power even in the utterances of the little ones, to silence his enemies. And Isaiah added, "Even your smallest and humblest family will become as great as a powerful nation" (60:22, GNB).

In love and obedience to the word of our master Jesus, “let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.” Luke 18:16. And even Jesus warns that, “If anyone should cause one of these little ones to lose his faith in me, it would be better for that person to have a large millstone tied round his neck and be drowned in the deep sea tied round his neck and be drowned in the deep sea, Matt. 18:6 (GNB).

Today, stop every activity and words of yours that can cause a child to lose heaven. And start up any impactful activity that will increase the rate of children being harvested to God’s kingdom while still children. Every believer who has passed from childhood is a child-teacher/trainer for God’s kingdom. Whether you did well growing up or not, you have a lesson to teach a child. It must not be your biological child, but that you are part of the Church, your experiences are the testimonies they need to grow up correctly in the hands of Jesus. Let the children come to and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God, (Luke 18:16). So the Lord himself has taught us to do.