

## Protecting Our Children in Perilous Times

*2 Timothy 3:1; (KJV)*

*“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.”*

School is starting for many this week. Students and teachers will be dealing with issues they never faced. As parents, we have a God-given responsibility to protect our children. However, one political party is challenging our Biblical parental role.

### Example #1 — California's “Safety Act”

On Monday, July 15, 2024, Governor Gavin Newsom signed, “The Support Academic Futures and Educators for Today's Youth,” or “SAFETY Act.” This Act will prohibit school districts from requiring staff to disclose to parents' information related to a student's sexual orientation or gender identity. It will protect school staff from retaliation if they refuse to notify parents of a child's gender preference. The legislation, which will go into effect January 1, also provides additional resources and support for LGBTQ+ students at junior high and high schools.

California is the first state in the nation to pass a law that explicitly don't inform parents of what is happening to their children.

### Example #2 — Minnesota's “Trans Refuge Bill”

Governor (and now Vice-Presidential candidate) Tim Walz signed a bill in April 2023 that made Minnesota a sanctuary for child sex-changes. It promotes the opportunity for radical medical interventions in defiance of states that restrict them. Dubbed the “Trans Refuge Bill” by supporters; the law grants legal protection from their parents to children who travel to Minnesota for so-called gender affirming care.

This includes puberty blockers, reconstructive genital surgery, and hormone therapy, as well as access to medical providers.

The law prohibits Minnesota courts or officials from complying with child removal requests from parents, extraditions, arrests, or subpoenas related to a child's sex-change procedures received in Minnesota, if they are a crime in another state.

### **The Devil's Historic Playbook**

“The education of all children, from the moment that they can get along without a mother's care, shall be in state institutions.”

— Karl Marx, German philosopher

“Give me four years to teach the children and the seed I have sown will never be uprooted. Give me just one generation of youth, and I will transform the whole world.”

— Vladimir Lenin, Former chairman of the Council of People's commissars of the Soviet Union.

“We must create out of the younger generation, a generation of Communists. We must turn children, who can be shaped like wax, into real, good Communists. We must remove the children from the crude influence of their families. We must take them over and, to speak frankly, nationalize them. From the first days of their lives, they will be under the healthy influence of Communist children's nurseries and schools. There, they will grow up to be real Communists.”

— Communist Party Education Workers Congress

“He alone who owns the youth, gains the future.”

— Adolf Hitler, Former chancellor of the German Reich

The devil is trying to turn a whole generation away from Me [God], and keeping them in darkness. He is using a lot of people to try and accomplish this. Parents, don't let him get away with it.

— Word to Pastor George, 6/3/23

## The Biblical Role of Parents

*Proverbs 1:8; (NKVJ)*

“My son, hear the instruction of **your father**, And do not forsake the law of **your mother**.”

*Ephesians 6:1-4; (NKJV)*

“**Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.** “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.” And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but **(YOU) bring them up** in the training and admonition of the Lord.”

*Proverbs 22:6; (NLT)*

**(PARENTS)** “**Direct your children onto the right path**, and when they are older, they will not leave it.”

Deuteronomy 6:6-9; (NKJV)

*“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. **You (PARENTS) shall teach them diligently to your children and** shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”*

Pray with your children every day and read your Bible with your children every morning [i.e., From Faith to Faith devotional]. If you drive your children to school, pray in tongues on your way there and back.

God's Word clearly shows that it is the PARENT'S responsibility to raise their children. NOT the state, NOT the government, and certainly NOT strangers.

## **A Parental Bill of Rights - we need to continue to 'ride herd' on this.**

### **1. Parents have the right to review their child's educational content.**

This includes content children are learning in schools and clubs and content presented by outside speakers. Curriculum must be accessible online. Parents should receive notification when it is updated. Libraries will also post a database of materials available to children and notify parents of updates at regular intervals.

### **2. Parents have the right to be involved in decisions for their child.**

Parents have the right to meet educators and mentors in person concerning the education of their child. They also have the right to express disagreement with material being taught or pushed in America's public schools and stand against dangerous

ideologies that contradict their religious principles and beliefs. The right to do so must be protected by local, state, and federal authorities. Parents must be notified immediately if the child is experiencing stress due to external negative forces such as bullying, or access to drugs, alcohol, weapons, etc. Parents have the right to ask educators and mentors for assistance in protecting their child from these forces and to alert authorities of concerns.

**3. Parents have the right to direct their child's medical decisions.**

Parents have the right to grant or deny permission before any medical treatment, immunization or medication is offered to their child, and before any medical consultation regarding reproductive health or abortion. This also includes the administration of anything that would alter the sex of their child.

**4. Parents have the right to restrict sexual content for their child.**

Parents must be notified in advance and consent to any materials being presented to their child of a sexual or pornographic nature. Parents have the right to opt their child out of such instruction if it conflicts with their family values or religious beliefs.

**5. Parents have the right to freedom of speech without retaliation.**

Parents have a right to speak out and engage with their school administrators regarding any of the above rights and to request changes to school practice and policy. No concerned parent, grandparent, or guardian should be canceled, arrested, silenced, called a bigot, or labeled as a terrorist for speaking out against radical indoctrination in taxpayer- supported public schools.

**Let your voice be heard and write letters to your state representative when things are being presented that are not**

**scriptural. Every time you drive by a school, remember to plead the blood of Jesus over those students, teachers and staff.**

### **The Power of a Praying Parent**

“Praying for our children is a primary parental responsibility. More profoundly, it is a ministry of eternal proportions. Through prayer, we make an investment in the lives of our children that will pay rich dividends in their futures, in the lives of their children and in all succeeding generations. The far-reaching impact of our believing prayers will influence countless others as well.”

— “Prayers That Prevail for Your Children” by Clift Richards and Lloyd Hildebrand.

#### **Example #1: Susanna Wesley**

Susanna Wesley, the mother of John and Charles Wesley had a faithful practice of spending at least one hour per week with each of her 18 children. She would listen to them, pray for them, and teach them God’s Word. She claimed the promises of God on behalf of her children.

John and Charles Wesley became the most famous leaders of the Evangelical movement in the British Isles and served as missionaries to America. John Wesley stated, “The world is my parish.” He translated numerous German hymns into English. Charles composed great hymns of the Church that are sung the world over today including, “Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today.”

**Pray over them, pray with them and have communion with them.**

## Example #2: Jonathan Edwards

Jonathan Edwards knew the power of prayer. In 1731, He gave birth to America's First Great Awakening. It was revival that touched every community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He also applied that same power of prayer to his children. Before dawn each morning, he would wake his children for morning prayer. He would read a chapter from the Bible. Then, he would pray God's blessing on each of the children and the day ahead. Those prayers had long-lasting effects.

By the turn of the 20th century, the sacred union of Jonathan and Sarah Edwards had produced:

- Thirteen college presidents,
- Sixty-five professors,
- 100 lawyers (including a dean of a law school),
- Thirty judges,
- Fifty-six physicians,
- A medical-school dean,
- Eighty public-office holders,
- Three U.S. Senators,
- Three mayors of large American cities,
- Three governors,
- One comptroller of the U.S. Treasury,
- One Vice President of the United States,
- 100 family members became overseas missionaries.

Timothy Dwight, one of Edward's grandsons was the President of Yale University in 1802. Revival broke out as he preached at the university chapel services. Approximately one-third of the students were converted to Christ. Two of the students became leaders in the Second Great Awakening Revival in America during the 1820's.

## Example #3: Hannah

Samuel is an example of the far-reaching impact of Hannah's prayers in his life.

*1 Samuel 1:27-28; (NKJV)*

*“For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition which I asked of Him. Therefore, I also have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives he shall be lent to the LORD.” So they worshiped the LORD there.”*

*V. 28 (NLT) “He will belong to the LORD his whole life.”*

*“Samuel came into this world and was given existence in direct answer to prayer. He was born of a praying mother, whose heart was full of earnest desire for a son. He came into life under praying surroundings. His first three years in this world were spent in direct contact with a woman who knew how to pray.”*

— Edward McKendree Bounds, American author

Through Hannah's prayers, Samuel became one of Israel's greatest leaders, prophets, and judges. He led Israel to repentance from their sin and deliverance from Philistine oppression. God used him to select and anoint David as King.

### **Scriptures to Pray Over Your Children**

*Isaiah 54:13; (AMPC)*

*“And all my children shall be disciples [taught by the Lord and obedient to His will], and great shall be the peace and undisturbed composure of my children.”*

*Isaiah 11:2-3; (NKJV)*

*“The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon my children, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of*



knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. Their delight is in the fear of the LORD.”

Luke 2:52; (AMPC)

“My children increase in wisdom (in broad and full understanding) and in stature and years, and in favor with God and man.”

Psalms 91:9-12; (NKJV)

“Because I have made the LORD, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, my dwelling place, No evil shall befall my children, Nor shall any plague come near their dwelling; For He shall give His angels charge over them, To keep them in all their ways. In their hands they shall bear them up, Lest they dash their foot against a stone.”

Philippians 1:6; (AMPC)

“I am convinced and sure of this very thing, that He Who began a good work in my children will continue until the day of Jesus Christ [right up to the time of His return], developing [that good work] and perfecting and bringing it to full completion in them.”