

Eagle Mountain International Church

A Parent's Greatest Responsibility

Pastor George Pearsons – Sunday, May 4, 2025

A. Hebrews 11:23—Project Millstone—Online Safety Workshop for Parents and Teens

1. Next Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
2. We must make protecting our children a priority.
3. Focus on online safety and awareness.
4. We must take authority over the content our children are exposed to.
5. Verse 23 “By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.”
 - a. *Hid* (GK) = KRYPTO
 - b. To conceal, keep secret and escape notice.

B. Deuteronomy 11:18-21—A Parent's Greatest Responsibility

1. It is our responsibility to protect our children from the world.
2. Our number one priority: pray for them and keep the Word before them.
3. Verses 18-21 (NKJV) “Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth.”

C. The Pearsons' Household

Especially during the school year, we would establish a godly routine in our home.

Before the days of ROKU or recording programs, we would get up early enough to watch the Believer's Voice of Victory broadcast.

Aubrey also insisted on watching Benny Hinn at 5:00 a.m. because she was hungry to “watch the healings.”

At the beginning of the 1996 school year, I bought Living Bibles for all of us. We would read passages from those Bibles and our KCM Daily Faith to Faith Devotional.

We also had times of prayer—sometimes!

Getting ready for school could get very hectic, especially if everyone woke up late. On those mornings, I can remember Terri shouting as we rushed to the car: “PRAY IN TONGUES ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL!!!!”

Church attendance was an absolute must. In the days before pastoring, we always attended Sunday services. Even after a particularly long day at work when Terri and I didn’t feel like going to Wednesday service, it was the children who insisted.

The bedtime ritual was without question: “Brush your teeth, wash your face, get up in bed and let’s pray.” We prayed with our children and spoke the Word over them. The lights went out and the tape recorder went on. It was usually Papaw (Brother Copeland) who would preach to them throughout the night.

Our “Word Protocol” was not always as perfect as it sounds. But, we did our best to keep the Word first place and make prayer a priority. We applied the principles of faith to everything we did. And, you can be assured that, “Prophet/Teacher Mom” always imparted valuable life-long lessons to our children.

D. The Far-Reaching Impact of Our Prayers

— From “Prayers That Prevail from Your Children” by Richards and Hildebrand

1. “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.”
2. 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 in 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, ‘Christ, the Lord, is Risen Today.’”

3. Example #2: Jonathan Edwards

“Without question, Jonathan Edwards knew the power of prayer. In 1731, He gave birth to America’s First Great Awakening. It was a 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 by candlelight. He would read a chapter from the Bible. Then, he would pray God’s blessing on each of the children, the family 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 Vice President of the United States, and one comptroller of the U.S. Treasury. In addition, 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.”

4. 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.”

Verse 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 prayer surroundings. His first three years in this world were spent in direct contact with a woman who knew how to pray.” –E. M. Bounds

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

E. Five Scriptures to Pray Over Your Children

1. 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.”
2. 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.”
3. 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.”
4. 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.”
5. 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).”