

『為神家養育下一代』

Raising the Next Generation for the House of God

背誦經文：**3** 兒女是耶和華所賜的產業；所懷的胎是他所給的賞賜。**4** 少年時所生的兒女好像勇士手中的箭。**5** 箭袋充滿的人便為有福；他們在城門口和仇敵說話的時候，必不至於羞愧。(詩127:3-5)

3 Behold, children *are* a heritage from the Lord, The fruit of the womb *is* a reward. **4** Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So *are* the children of one's youth. **5** Happy *is* the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate. (Ps 127:3-5)

A. 母親在 神旨意中的重要角色

The important roles of a mother according to the will of God

1. 帶來的祝福

Bringing in blessings

- 我兒，要謹守你父親的誠命；不可離棄你母親的法則（或譯：指教），要常繫在你心上，掛在你項上。你行走，它必引導你；你躺臥，它必保守你；你睡醒，它必與你談論。因為誠命是燈，法則是光，訓誨的責備是生命的道。(箴6:20-23)

20 My son, keep your father's command, And do not forsake the law of your mother. **21** Bind them continually upon your heart; Tie them around your neck. **22** When you roam, they^[a] will lead you; When you sleep, they will keep you; And *when* you awake, they will speak with you. **23** For the commandment *is* a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life, (Pr 6:20-23)

2. 帶來的影響

Influencing her children

a. 正例：

Good examples:

- **18** 那時，撒母耳還是孩子，穿著細麻布的以弗得，侍立在耶和華面前。**19** 他母親每年為他做一件小外袍，同著丈夫上來獻年祭的時候帶來給他。(撒2:18-19)

18 But Samuel ministered before the Lord, *even* as a child, wearing a linen ephod. **19** Moreover his mother used to make him a little robe, and bring *it* to him year by year when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. (1 Sam 2:18-19)

- 利慕伊勒王的言語，是他母親教訓他的真言。(箴言31:1)

The words of King Lemuel, the utterance which his mother taught him: (Pr 31:1)

b. 反例：

Bad examples:

- 亞哈謝也行亞哈家的道；因為他母親(亞他利雅)給他主謀，使他行惡。(代下22:3)

3 He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, for his mother advised him to do wickedly. (2 Chr 22:3)

B. 為神家養育下一代

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- 從中心到圓周：要有國度的胸懷，不只是好好養育自己的孩子

From center to peripheral. Be kingdom-minded. Do not just focus on your own children.

- 祂從灰塵裏抬舉貧寒人，從糞堆中提拔窮乏人，使他們與王子同坐...祂使不能生育的婦人安居家中，為多子的樂母。你們要讚美耶和華！(詩113:7-9)

7 He raises the poor out of the dust, *And* lifts the needy out of the ash heap, 8 That He may seat *him* with princes— With the princes of His people. 9 He grants the barren woman a home, Like a joyful mother of children. Praise the Lord! (Ps 113:7-9)

- 只在你們中間存心溫柔，如同母親乳養自己的孩子。(帖前2:7)

7 But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing *mother* cherishes her own children. (1 Th 2:7)

- ...只要照著主的教訓和警戒養育他們。(弗6:4)

4 ...but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. (Eph 6:4)

C. 當全地黑暗之時，希望神的家中仍舊有光：一點關於未來負擔的交通

When the whole earth is covered with darkness, the light is still shining in the house of God. Some burdens about the future.

- ...埃及地黑暗；這黑暗似乎摸得著...人不能相見，誰也不敢起來離開本處；惟有以色列人家中都有亮光。(出10:21-23)

21 ... that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness *which* may even be felt.”... 23 They did not see one another; nor did anyone rise from his place for three days. But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings. (Ex 10:21-23)

- (耶穌)就伸手指著門徒，說：「看哪，我的母親，我的弟兄。凡遵行我天父旨意的人，就是我的弟兄姊妹和母親了。」(太12:50)

50 For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.” (Mat 12:50)