

## Children are a Blessing

Jeremiah 1:5 -

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Psalms 139:13-16 -

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

Psalms 127:3-5 -

Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

Proverbs 22:6 -

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Matthew 19:14 -

But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”

Mark 10:13-16 -

And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

I am grateful to be in a church who cherishes children! Jesus LOVED the little children of the world! In today's society, they are not cherished. They are disposable. I am often challenged as to why I am a conservative. This is one of the top reasons and in my mind, reason enough. This isn't meant to be political. I have heard people say that we shouldn't talk about this because it is a political issue. It is not. It was made somewhat political when Roe Vs Wade happened. But it is a spiritual problem. It is a problem of the heart. When I speak of abortion I ALWAYS also say, there is healing thru Jesus if you have had one. Jesus does not hold a grudge if you have given your life to him and truly repent. But today I hope you will cherish children and speak against abortion every chance you get. Not as

political, but as a heart issue. Our broken hearts and God's heart who must be breaking watching all of this.

Forgive us Lord. Amen.

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