



5-Day Bible Reading Plan - Family Matters: Parenting with Purpose

Day 1: Children as God's Gift and Assignment

Reading: Psalm 127:3 and Genesis 18:19

Devotional

Today, pause and see your children through God's eyes—not as burdens or possessions, but as sacred gifts entrusted to your care. God chose Abraham specifically because He knew Abraham would command his children in righteousness. You, too, have been chosen for this moment, this child, this season. Kingdom parenting begins when we shift from ownership to stewardship. Ask yourself: "Am I raising my child for my own comfort and reputation, or for God's glory and kingdom purposes?" This perspective transforms everything—from how we discipline to what we celebrate. Your parenting is not just about managing behavior; it's about partnering with God to shape an eternal soul. Today, thank God for the specific children He's placed in your life and ask Him to renew your vision for their spiritual destiny.

Day 2: Your Walk Shapes Their Way

Reading: Deuteronomy 6:6-9 and Ephesians 6:4

Devotional

Before God calls you to teach your children, He calls you to let His Word dwell in your own heart. Notice the order in Deuteronomy 6: the commands must first be "on your heart," then you teach them diligently to your children. You cannot impart what you do not possess. Your children are watching not just what you say, but how you live when you're frustrated, how you respond to disappointment, and whether your faith is real or merely religious. The Holy Spirit must first transform you before you can effectively guide them. This isn't about perfection—it's about authenticity and growth. When your children see you repent, pray, worship, and depend on God in real time, they learn that faith is living and active. Today, examine your own walk with Christ. What areas need surrender? Let your transformation become their inspiration.

Day 3: Everyday Discipleship

Reading: Deuteronomy 6:7-9 and Mark 10:14

Devotional

Jesus didn't wait for children to grow up before welcoming them into His kingdom. He invited them close, declaring that the kingdom belongs to "such as these." Kingdom parenting means seizing everyday moments—breakfast conversations, car rides, bedtime prayers—as discipleship opportunities. You don't need a formal curriculum; you need an intentional heart. When your child faces disappointment, ask, "What might God be teaching us?" When they struggle with jealousy or fear, open Scripture together and discover God's truth. The dinner table becomes a place of spiritual formation. The walk to school becomes a chance to pray together. Your home is your first and most important mission field. Don't outsource spiritual training to church programs alone. God has positioned you as the primary disciplinarian in your child's life. Today, identify three routine moments this week where you can naturally weave in conversations about God's character, His Word, or His ways.

Day 4: Love and Discipline in Balance

Reading: Proverbs 19:18, Proverbs 29:17, and Colossians 3:20-21

Devotional

Kingdom discipline is neither permissive nor harsh—it's redemptive. Scripture calls parents to discipline "while there is hope," meaning correction should always point toward restoration, not destruction. When you discipline, you're not simply stopping bad behavior; you're shepherding your child's heart back to God's design. This requires both firmness and gentleness. Proverbs warns that without discipline, we "ruin" our children's lives, yet Colossians cautions against provoking them to discouragement. The balance is found in Christlike correction: clear boundaries enforced with patient love. Ask yourself: does my discipline crush my child's spirit or cultivate godly character? Does it lead to shame or to repentance and hope? Healthy correction says, "I love you too much to let you continue in this direction." It's motivated by long-term vision, not momentary anger. Today, pray for wisdom to discipline as God disciplines you—with grace, truth, and redemptive purpose.

Day 5: Guardrails for Kingdom Parents

Reading: Ephesians 6:4 and Colossians 3:21

Devotional

God doesn't just tell us what to do as parents; He also warns us what to avoid. Twice in the New Testament, fathers are specifically told not to provoke or discourage their children. Harsh words, unrealistic expectations, constant criticism, and anger-driven discipline can embitter a child's heart and push them away from both you and God. Kingdom parenting requires self-control and Spirit-led responses. Before you correct, pause and ask: "Is my response driven by love for my child's growth, or by my own frustration and pride?" Your tone matters as much as your words. Your consistency matters as much as your rules. Children need parents who are firm but safe, who correct without crushing. Remember, you're not raising compliant robots—you're nurturing image-bearers of God who need to experience His grace through you. Today, confess any ways you've provoked or discouraged your children. Ask God to fill you with His patience, and if needed, seek forgiveness from your child. Let humility mark your home.

Closing Prayer for the Week

Father, thank You for the sacred calling of parenting. Forgive me where I've failed and renew my vision to raise children who love and follow You. Fill me with Your Spirit, give me wisdom, patience, and grace. Help me to lead by example, discipline with love, and point my children always toward Jesus. May my home be a place where Your kingdom comes and Your will is done. In Jesus' name, Amen.