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“LIFE IS . . .”

ACCEPTING GOD'S WORD AS YOUR AUTHORITY

“GOD'S WORD IS”

1. THE ONLY SOURCE THAT WILL NEVER LIE TO YOU

Heb. 6:18 (NLT)

“God has given us BOTH HIS PROMISE AND HIS OATH. These two things are **UNCHANGEABLE** because it is **IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD TO LIE**. Therefore, we who have fled to Him for refuge **CAN TAKE NEW COURAGE**, for we can hold on to **HIS PROMISE WITH CONFIDENCE.**”

2. YOUR AUTHORITY TO RETURN TO THE LORD

James 4:8 NKJ

Draw **NEAR TO GOD** and **HE WILL DRAW NEAR TO YOU**. **CLEANSE YOUR HANDS, YOU SINNERS;** and **PURIFY YOUR HEARTS,** you **DOUBLE-MINDED.**

3. YOUR AUTHORITY TO BE VICTORIOUS THROUGH GOD

Ps 37:5 NKJ

COMMIT YOUR WAY to the **LORD,** **TRUST ALSO IN HIM,** and **HE SHALL BRING IT TO PASS.**

4. YOUR AUTHORITY TO DECLARE 2 SEXES = MALE - FEMALE

Matt. 19:4-6

Jesus: “From the beginning, **THE CREATOR** made **MALE** and **FEMALE**. This is the reason a **MAN** is to **LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER** and be united to his **WIFE**, and the two become one flesh. They are no longer two, but one. Therefore **WHAT GOD HAS JOINED TOGETHER,** **LET NO ONE SEPARATE.**”

TO WELCOME A CHILD IS TO WELCOME JESUS

Matt 18:5 NIV

5- **"And WHOEVER WELCOMES A LITTLE CHILD like this in MY NAME WELCOMES ME.**

TO LEAD A CHILD INTO SIN IS TO RECEIVE JESUS' JUDGMENT

Matt 18:6 NIV

But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to SIN, IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR HIM TO HAVE A LARGE MILLSTONE HUNG AROUND HIS NECK AND TO BE DROWNED IN THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA.

HOW TO HELP A CHILD

1. OFFER THEM ACCEPTANCE

Psalm 103:13-14 (NIV)

"As a FATHER HAS COMPASSION ON HIS CHILDREN, so THE LORD HAS COMPASSION ON THOSE WHO FEAR HIM; for HE KNOWS how we are formed."

2. OFFER THEM GUIDANCE

Psalm 34:11 (NCV)

"Children, COME and LISTEN to me. I will TEACH you to WORSHIP THE LORD."

Psalm 78:4 (NLT)

"We WILL NOT HIDE THESE TRUTHS from our children but WILL TELL THE NEXT GENERATION about the GLORIOUS DEEDS OF THE LORD."

Prov. 22:6 (TEV)

"TEACH CHILDREN how they should live, and THEY WILL REMEMBER IT ALL THEIR LIFE."

3. OFFER THEM CORRECTION

Prov. 10:17 (NJB)

“Whoever **ABIDES BY DISCIPLINE WALKS TOWARDS LIFE**, whoever **IGNORES CORRECTION** goes astray.”

Prov. 19:18 (GN)

“**DISCIPLINE YOUR CHILDREN** while they are **YOUNG ENOUGH TO LEARN**. **IF YOU DON'T YOU ARE HELPING THEM DESTROY THEMSELVES.**”

4. OFFER VULNERABLE CHILDREN A VOICE

Prov. 31:8 (TEV)

“**SPEAK UP FOR PEOPLE WHO CANNOT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES**. **PROTECT THE RIGHTS** of all who are **HELPLESS.**”

5. OFFER A CHILD HELP TO FIND WHAT THEY NEED

Job 29:12 (TEV)

“When the **POOR CRIED OUT**, **I HELPED THEM**; I gave help to **ORPHANS WHO HAD NOWHERE TO TURN.**”

James 1:27a (TEV)

“What **GOD THE FATHER** considers to be pure and genuine religion is this: to **TAKE CARE OF ORPHANS AND WIDOWS IN THEIR SUFFERING...**”

THE SPIRITUAL TRUTH BEHIND ADOPTION:

**GOD ADOPTED ME TO BE A PART OF
HIS FOREVER FAMILY!**

Eph. 1:5 (NLT)

“**HIS UNCHANGING PLAN** has always been to **ADOPT US** into **HIS OWN FAMILY** by bringing us to **HIMSELF THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.**”