

Wisdom Unlocked: The Ways of God

S#5 Episode #7 Seeking God on Behalf of Your Children



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Most people pray for the children in our lives, but do we really seek God on their behalf? There's a difference between bedtime prayers, prayers for safety and good outcomes vs. intentionally spending time with God to see what He wants to say to you about your kids. In this episode, we discuss how you can seek God on behalf of the children in your lives.

1) Praying Over Them

- For and over them
- Listening to the Lord on their behalf
- Fasting

2) Tending Their Calling

- Psalm 139:13-16
 - o *"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.^[a] Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶ 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."*
- Jeremiah 1:4-5
 - o *"Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, "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."*
- John the Baptist – Luke 1:15-18
 - o *"...for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. ¹⁶ And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, ¹⁷ and he will go before him in the spirit and power of*

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Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.”

- Observing your children:
 - o Interests and abilities
 - ° Certain groups of people, tasks, needs?
 - ° Exposing them to various kinds of opportunities
 - ° Invite them to serve alongside of you
 - o Discern and fuel what God is doing
 - ° Discern what is something that may be a calling vs a hobby
 - One related to vocation, the other for refreshment

3) Serving as a Gateway

- What has God given you that may benefit them?
 - o Passing on your skills and talents
 - o Sharing your relationships
 - o Opening doors that you uniquely can
 - o Giving your resources (finances, possessions)

Check out Lionshare’s tool for discipling children — *A Discipleship Journey Kids*. You can purchase it at lionshare.org/store along with subscriptions to the videos that go with them. Download the Lionshare Leadership Group app on your phone so you can watch the Parent Prompt videos to encourage conversations and application for what you are learning.

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