Psalm 127:3 (GNT) Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a real blessing.

Kid Facts:
- Fathers tend to determine their height. Mothers tend to determine their weight.
- A three-year-old’s voice is louder than 200 people at a restaurant.
- The cost of raising a child is $245,340.

A Biblical Perspective:
- Children are a gift.

Psalm 127:3 (NLT) Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from him.

- Children are a blessing.
- Children are work.

Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV) Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

Be Aware:
- We can allow them to be more important than God.

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV) But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

- We can allow them to be more important than our marriage.

Ephesians 5:31-32 (NKJV) 31 “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

- We can allow them to be more important than our budget.

Proverbs 21:20 (NKJV) There is desirable treasure, And oil in the dwelling of the wise, But a foolish man squanders it.

Keys to Raising Your Children:

Psalm 34:11 (NKJV) Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

- Create non-negotiables.
- Don’t protect them from hardship.
- Teach them to win as a team.
- Prepare them for real life.
- Teach them what is required.
- Teach them whom to respect.
- Teach them what to watch out for.
Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (NLT) 6 And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. 7 Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. 8 Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. 9 Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Assignment: What honest conversations do you need to have with your mate so that you can better raise your kids?