



RELEASING YOUR CHILD

(Selected Scriptures)

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INTRODUCTION



I. WHY RELEASING YOUR CHILD COMES HARD

Releasing offspring is the natural order of both plant and animal worlds.



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Gen 2:24 For this reason a man will leaves his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will becomes one flesh.

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B. Sometimes, the parental relationship overshadows the marital relationship.

Wives, be subject to your own husbands... (v. 22) Husbands, love your wives... (v. 25) Husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies... (v. 28) Nevertheless let each individual among you also love his own wife even as himself; and let the wife see to it that she respect her husband. (v. 33)

(Ephesians 6:22-33)



Home – Husband & Wife

I. WHY RELEASING YOUR CHILD COMES HARD

B. Sometimes, the parental relationship overshadows the marital relationship.

Early years when the relationship goes through a period of adjustment.



By the time the children leave home.

Divorce Rate Graph

When the children arrived, the feeling of responsibility and guilt keep the marriage together.

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C. Sometimes, parents possess a constant need for their children.

2 Cor 12:14 Here for this third time I am ready to come to you, and I will not be a burden to you; for I do not seek what is yours, but you; for children are not responsible to save up for their parents, but parents for their children.

People do not have children because they need them but because they want them.



II. HOW TO PREPARE FOR RELEASING YOUR CHILD

A. Children should be trained to handle their parents' legacy.

Ecc 2:18 Thus I hated all the fruit of my labor for which I had labored under the sun, for I must leave it to the man who will come after me.

Ecc 2:19 And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the fruit of my labor for which I have labored by acting wisely under the sun. This too is vanity.



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Jer. 12:5 "If you have raced with men on foot and they have worn you out, how can you compete with horses?"

If you stumble in safe country, how will you manage in the thickets by the Jordan?"

Lam. 3:7 "It is good for a man to bear the yoke while he is young."

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B. Keep communication open with your children after they leave.

Pro 23:22 Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.



Use and Adjust your words accordingly.

II. HOW TO PREPARE FOR RELEASING YOUR CHILD

C. Look upon release as a process rather than a sudden event.

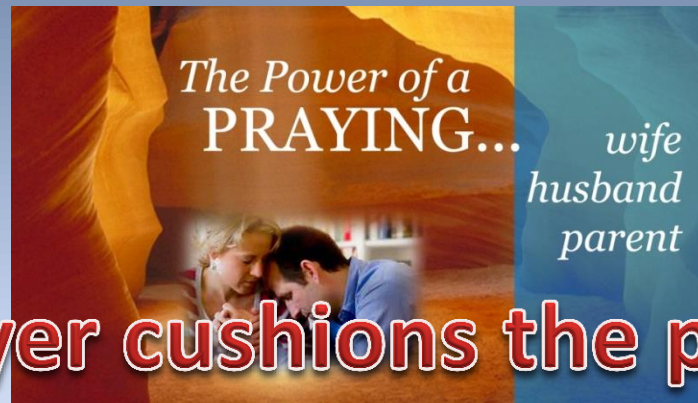
Ps 144:12 Then our sons in their youth will be like well-nurtured plants, and our daughters will be like pillars carved to adorn a palace.



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D. Commit yourself to pray for your children.

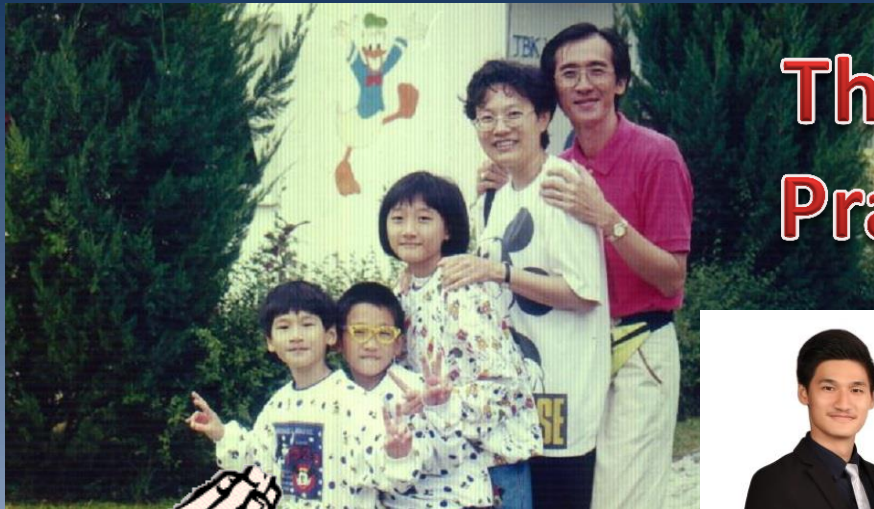
Job 1:5 When the days of feasting had completed their cycle, Job would send and consecrate them, rising up early in the morning and offering burnt offerings according to the number of them all; for Job said, "Perhaps my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." **Thus Job did continually.**



Prayer cushions the pain of release.

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The Ministry of
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CONCLUSION

Four things parents must do to prepare themselves to release their children to God.

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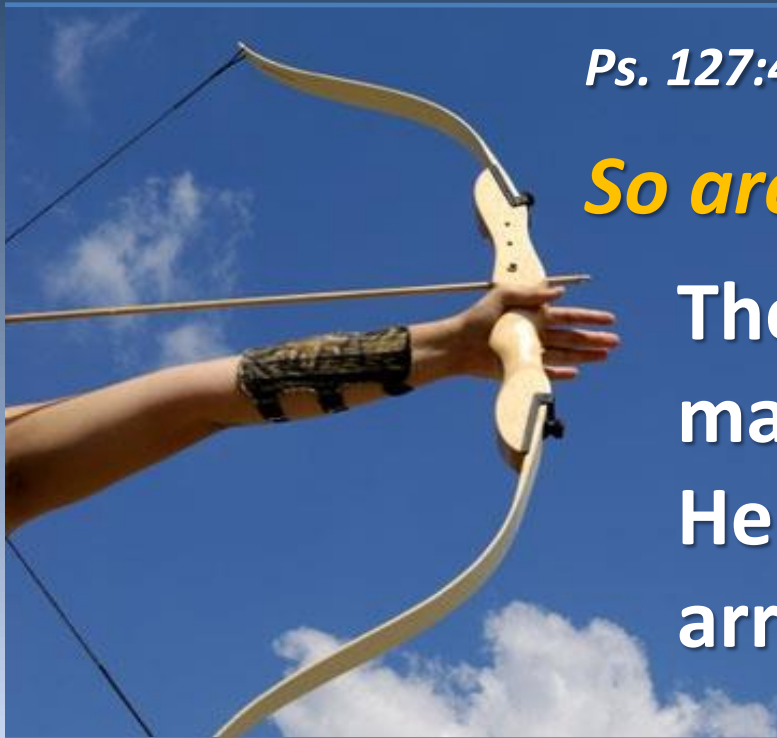
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What should parents attitude be when time comes for us to release our children?



*Ps. 127:4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,
So are the children of one's youth.*

The Lord, which is the archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite, and He bends you with His might that His arrows may go swift and far.