

### Caution: Children Growing Up Here

*Psalm 127:3-5 Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court.*

### What children really need from you.. the BIG EIGHT.

1. Safety and security
2. Mom and dad who love each other and make it obvious
3. Your personal attention and time
4. Discipline
5. Examples to follow
6. Plans
7. Patience
8. Spiritual direction

### What to do

- *Tune into your child's needs.* Every day you wait to attend to their needs, just brings you one day closer to them shutting you out of the game plan. They can shut you down.
- Learn *what your children know* that you need to be aware of.
- Realize that your kids *want* to please you.
- Make sure your kid feels like they hold a special, respected place in your home.
- Know your children's *priorities*, what's most important to them. You have to play along with their priorities, and every kid in your family is going to be different.
- Consider the pressures that your children are under.
- Figure out what your child's passionate about and encourage that as best you can.
- *Words are important.* Depending on the words you use, you're either training your children up or you're training them down.