

## Parenting

Without God's help, the demands of parenting could overwhelm us. At times being a parent requires more wisdom and patience than we have to give. But remember:

*His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness. (2 Peter 1:3, NIV)*

As a parent, be confident in God's gifts to you.

**God offers us His wisdom.** Here's a promise that every parent should write on their bathroom mirror and engrave on their heart:

*If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously without finding fault, and it will be given to him. (James 1:5, NIV)*

**God gives us His Spirit.** We have the presence, the love, the inner strength, the unshakable peace of God Himself. Just trust Him.

*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23, NIV)*

**God is the Father of each and every one of us.** He is your Father, and He is the Father of your children. The wisdom, the love, the strength, and the ultimate responsibility are all His. You are only His steward for awhile.

Realize that of all His names and titles, God cherishes "Father" the most. "Father" is what He wants us to call Him. And in His love for you, He has graciously given you a part in His most treasured role: parenting new human lives, lives that will last forever. Parent your children in His love, His strength, and His wisdom. Parent them in simple, daily confidence in God, not yourself.

He is always, always with you — just remember to depend on Him.

### Hymns:

[A Father's Prayer](#)  
[Everlasting Father](#)