

Truth about the Gift of Life

The blessing of life and the blessing of children

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1. When God starts **forming** and **weaving** is the moment life begins. (that's called conception)
2. When God started to weave, a person comes into being—**"you wove me."**

B. Three ways God is involved the activity of the womb.

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1. God is observing our formation v15.
2. God is employing divine skills to make us -v15b.
3. God is ordaining the length of our life -v16.

C. Conclusion: Who is man to terminate life after conception?

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II. Children are a gift from the Lord, they are NOT a right.

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1. And **"inheritance"** by nature is a gift to son's and daughters.
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B. **"reward"** is the second description of children.

1. The meaning has to do with the reaping for all the work and travail that was endure.

III. Children can also be a delayed gift from the Lord.

A. **Children can come after a temporary time of infertility.** (the scripture calls it bareness).

1. Many in the time of the Patriarchs saw bareness as being cursed for being somehow morally deficient.

B. **Great men of God have come forth from parents who were first infertile:** Sarah (Isaac), Rebekah (Jacob), Rachel (Joseph), Samson's mother, Hannah (Samuel), Elizabeth (John the Baptist).

C. **Application:** While children are delayed, we can still be steadfast, immovable, abounding even more in the work of the Lord.

IV. The blessing of children can be greatly enhanced.

A. **The fear of the Lord greatly increases the blessing.**

Psalm 128:1–4 — ¹ How blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, Who walks in His ways. ... ³ Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine Within your house, Your children like olive plants Around your table. ⁴ Behold, for thus shall the man be blessed Who fears the Lord."

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