

Give Your Child God's Best

I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them. –Deuteronomy 30:19–20

First, this passage can be seen as a promise of a long and prosperous physical life. (See Psalm 91:14–16.) But more importantly, it refers to “life” in the mental, emotional, and spiritual sense. Anger, pride, lust, depression, fear, rebellion—these attitudes will take you and your children away from God’s best for your lives. A home dominated by these attitudes is very dark and full of “death” indeed! When parents “choose life,” they tend to walk in attitudes that are the polar opposite: love, humility, selflessness, joy, faith, and obedience to God. These life-giving attitudes of the heart are then passed on to their children, and the life of God embraces them also.

Prayer Declaration

Lord, I claim this promise from Deuteronomy 30. Because I choose to live for truth and for God, I believe spiritual life will be passed to my child. I pray that he/she will continue the family tradition of choosing life and be filled with the very life of God. In doing so, _____ will escape the destructive results of a life of sin. I confess that the life-giving attributes of God’s nature—love, joy, peace, righteousness, and goodness—will fill our home, our lives, and our relationship. Yes, I choose life for myself and for my offspring. In the name of Jesus, amen (let it be so)!

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