

A Biblical Look at Marriage Before It Happens

What Comes With Children

"God, you mean we are responsible for them?"

I. The Children (Parenting)

- **1.** Children are a gift from God
 - a. They are given by God Psalm 127:3-5
 - b. They require responsibility to God Psalm 127:3-5; Proverbs 22:6

2. Planning and thought should be given to having children - Psalm 127:3

- a. Children require time
- b. Children create responsibility
- c. Children must be a priority over our career
- d. Children require God's wisdom and direction
- 3. Rearing and training children Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 22:6
 - a. Instruction Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 22:6
 - b. Discipline Proverbs 13:24, 19:18, 22:15, 23:13-14, 29:15,17
 - a. Must be done in love Hebrews 12:4-11
 - b. It is done to reinforce instruction
 - c. It is painful
 - d. It brings about righteous living when done properly