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Being a mother isn't a chore, and it definitely shouldn't be a burden. It's one of the most important responsibilities you will have on this earth: to help shape the lives of the young men and ladies that have been gifted to you.

There are many components involved with being a mother. For that reason, I have broken down all of the components of motherhood into what I've termed "The Five Pillars of Motherhood". The five pillars are: Love, Balance, Boundaries, Organization and Raising Kingdom Minded Children. This guide will focus on Pillar number 5: Raising Kingdom Minded Children.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO RAISE KINGDOM MINDED CHILDREN?

Jesus refers to the Kingdom of God in His teachings found in the Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). The Kingdom of God is a spiritual realm that can only be accessed through salvation. Through the teachings in the Bible, children of God are taught how to be more like Christ and how to operate with dominion while on Earth.

Jesus instructs his followers, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33 (KJV). In this scripture, Jesus is telling the followers of Christ that if you pursue the Kingdom of God, they will not have to worry about their earthly needs being met as God will provide all of their needs. Being kingdom minded means that the Kingdom of God is the highest priority in your life. As children of God, we must teach our children the same concepts. Proverbs 22:6 reads, "Train up a child in the way he should go; And when he is old, he will not depart from it."

God chose YOU to train up the children He has allowed you to parent.

In Pursue HER® Podcast Episode 16, I share with parents the challenges today's youth are facing in society. As kingdom minded parents, we are charged with the task to be a leading influence in our children's lives. We all know that that becomes very challenging as our children grow up.

It is our job to teach our children kingdom characteristic traits such as honesty, patience, discipline, faith, and integrity. Our children are influenced by societal and cultural norms at greater levels than ever before due to technology and the times we live in. At times, it seems quite challenging to offset these major influences, but through intentionality and addressing every detail, I believe the Holy Spirit will empower us to accomplish everything we need to do as kingdom minded parents.

At times, our children will make decisions that we don't agree with, but if you can confidently say you have done your part to instill kingdom focused principles in their lives, the rest is up to God. When you have done your part, you can confidently say that your children's choices are not a reflection of your parenting skills but simply a reflection of your children exerting their free will.

My question for you: Have you been able to provide everything needed to support your child?

AM I DOING MY PART?

Doing your part as a parent requires you to monitor many areas of your child's life. It requires you to teach your children a variety of concepts and life skills. You will also have to display certain behaviors in front of your children. Through trial and error, time, discipline, organization, prayer and intentionality, you can raise kingdom minded children.

To further assist parents with this topic, I have created a list of questions parents can use as a guide to self-evaluate their journey. The questions below have been categorized in four of "The 5 Pillars of Motherhood" previously discussed. These questions cover the areas I highly recommend parents to be intentional in. Use these questions as a guide to self-evaluate your journey.

Are You...

LOVE

1. **Having fun with your children?**
2. **Making your children a top priority in your life?**
3. **Teaching your children the importance of core values?**
4. **Teaching your children how to be a leader?**
5. **Spending uninterrupted time with your children and assuring they feel loved by you?**
6. **Creating a non-judgemental and safe space that allows your children to talk to you about peer pressure, fears, and mental health concerns?**
7. **Able to validate your children's feelings when they open up instead of telling them their way of thinking is wrong?**

BOUNDARIES

Are You...

1. **Monitoring your children on technology?**
2. **Monitoring your child's messages and photos to see what kind of conversations they are having with others?**
3. **Taking the time to meet the parents of your children's closest friends?**
4. **Checking your children's grades and talking to teachers to make sure your children are completing all of their academic requirements?**
5. **Consistently disciplining your children when they break rules?**
6. **Setting appropriate boundaries within your parent/child relationship?**

BALANCE

Are You...

1. **Consistent with your walk with God and showing your children by example what it means to be a child of God?**
2. **Consistently praying to God and asking Him for clear direction on how to raise your child?**
3. **Consistently praying to God and covering your children through prayer?**

KINGDOM

Are You...

1. **Consistently ensuring your children are in God's presence via Church services, Bible studies, praise/worship, or prayer sessions at home?**
2. **Teaching your children how to pray?**
3. **Showing your child grace when they make mistakes the way God does for you?**
4. **Having Bible studies with your children at home and teaching them Bible stories and biblical principles?**

" The journey of marriage and motherhood can be challenging, but who said you had to do it alone? "

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