



# God-Planned Works for the Believing Father Which Involve His Children

*Scripture Reading:*

Ephesians 2:1-10  
Colossians 1:9-10

# INTRODUCTION

Walking through the local wildlife refuge, one can enjoy the many different birds. God displays natural parenting skills as these birds raise their young:

- The consistency of incubation of their eggs
- The gathering of food for their young
- The life-endangering protection by the parents - especially the male

For a Christian father, many of God's pre-planned works involve the display of Eternal Life toward your children and grandchildren

PREPARATION  
for the  
DISPLAY of  
ETERNAL LIFE  
to your  
CHILDREN

Feeding yourself first – spiritually

- **Daily feeding on God's Word**
- **Daily remembering your salvation:**

1. *How you were saved by God's grace!*

2. *Your new identity as a son of God: perfect and complete in Christ . As a child of God, always growing in God's grace – Christ in you*

# PREPARATION for the DISPLAY of ETERNAL LIFE to your CHILDREN (continued)

3. *Understanding that all 3 persons of the Godhead indwell you. Therefore, you have God's quality of Life, nature, and enablement available to you*
4. *You have 3 different spiritual enemies and 3 different God-provided sources of victory over these enemies*
5. *This life is a "vapor" of time -Ps 90:10,12*
6. *Our daily lives are filled with God's pre-planned works, specific to each of us  
-Eph 2:10*
7. *The 3rd Heaven is our gracious destination*

# PREPARATION for the DISPLAY of ETERNAL LIFE to your CHILDREN (continued)

## Communication with God

Prayer of worship – II Thess 5:17

### Asking for yourself

*To be adjusted daily to the truth of your salvation – cf I Pet 5:10*

*To be consistent in outward testimony AND be willing to admit when you're wrong!*

*To be understanding and wise to your children and their mother*

*To be wise and desirous to instill God's truths and to pray for opportunities to clearly explain the saving gospel and their need of this Good News*

Supplicating and interceding for their daily needs

# PRESENTING the DISPLAY of ETERNAL LIFE to your CHILDREN

Put the Lord first in your life – even above your children.  
This is the best witness to your children -cf I Sam 2:29, 8:1-5

Train your children in the way they should go – Prov 22:6  
*Involves correction and re-direction: “Not that way – this way!”*

Communicate God’s Word

Have some fun times together!



# CONCLUSION

Before you realize it, your children will have left the nest with all that God had planned for you to do up to that point in their lives.

Continue to:

1. *daily prepare, and*
2. *daily present **Eternal Life** to your children and grandchildren – and with all those God gives opportunity*