

Grace Groups Homework  
**"Gospel Driven Parenting"**

Ephesians 6:4

6 August 2017

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU**

1. Any babysitting or babysitter experiences you'd care to share?

**WORLDVIEW**

2. What are the worldview issues that a family needs to consider as they plan for the arrival of their first child?

**GOING DEEPER**

3. What practical things can fathers do to be present in a society that seemingly demands so much of their attention?
4. What things do parents do that provoke their children to wrath/anger?
5. What does the discipline/training (Greek: *paideia*) of children in the Lord look like? What does the admonition/instruction (Greek: *nouthesia*) of children in the Lord look like?

What do these requirements therefore imply for parents, especially fathers?

“Children are not looking for perfect parents; but they are looking for honest parents.” What attitudes and actions should parents be cultivating in their desire to see their children becoming spiritually mature?

#### **PRAYER ITEMS**

**Prayer Psalm:** 119:49–56

**Response to the Word:** Wisdom and perseverance for parents to raise their children for Christ; grace to be gospel driven parents

**Church Families:** Jan, Grace & Neil Van Heerden; Marius, Danielle & Ben van Jaarsveldt

**Special Needs:** Hannah Murphy; Roger Tobler; Cailan Sacks; Jimmy Guthrie; Andrew Vermeulen; Elma Quevauvilliers; Unemployed & underemployed

**Expectant Couples:** Andrew & Sandhya Lear; Gareth & Debbie Payne; Angelo & Nikita Tokalon; Quintin & Denna Starkey; Ryan & Nadia Butterworth; Michael & Gillian Varughese

#### **Adoptions**

**Ministries:** VIPs; POWER Camp (Gareth Franks speaking); GriefShare

#### **The Great Commission:**

- Jenny Close (Vietnam) and Susan Buys (Thailand)

- Swaziland (Southern Africa)—Faithful sowing of the gospel has led to a strong evangelical community comprising of 30% of the population. Church attendance is high and growing. Pray that the spreading of the gospel continues.

- Unreached Focus: Bangladesh (163.7 million people—90% Muslim; 9% Hindu 1% other)

**Sister Churches:** Reformed Faith Mission Community Church (Western Cape)—Quintin & Mario Maneville

**Our Country:** Basic Education—Angie Motshekga

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As you do your regular grocery shopping, please remember to add something to your trolley to donate to the Food for the Family ministry. Regularly used items include: rice (1kg or 2kg); juice; washing powder (auto or hand wash); cooking oil (750ml or 2-litre); peanut butter; syrup; jam; tea; coffee; sandwich spread; pilchards; tuna; cake flour; baked beans; butter beans; mixed vegetables; tomato and onion mix; other canned foods; Cremora or long life milk; pasta; noodles; condiments (tomato sauce, mustard), etc.; sugar (1kg or 2.5kg); mielie meal; bath soap; deodorant (roll-on); toothpaste. Speak to Patson Ngidi for more information.