## "Children are a heritage from the Lord" (Psalm 127:3).

ONE OF THE MOST PRECIOUS GIFTS any of us could ever receive is God's love in the form of a little child, so sweet and beautiful. They're all *His* children, really, but He entrusts them to our care and wants us to love and train them. They're a gift of God but, like flowers in our garden, we've got to take care of them. It's a case of God's gift is also God's work.

If we "train up a child in the way he should go ... when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). If you will only teach, train, and lead your children right and set the right example, they will carry that all through life. "All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children" (Isaiah 54:13).

Another wonderful thing about your children is that you're going to have them forever. If you rear them right and do a good job of God's work with God's gift, you will be so thankful when you get to Heaven and see them rewarded for their love for Him and all they did for Him and others—and you will share in their rewards because you helped guide them there.