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The Child-Raising Home

A home blessed with children is responsible for raising them in the training and the admonition of the Lord.
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Ezekiel 18:20 NKJV

The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.
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• A totally self-directing, self-sufficient being needing only parental support, self-realization and self-expression to become perfect
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Genesis 1:26-27 NKJV

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
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And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.
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- Not good or bad, morally undeveloped, just as she is mentally and physically undeveloped
- But capable of great good and great evil
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And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope.
Character Traits

• Good habits
• Honesty
• Diligence
• Boundaries
• Stewardship
• Humility
• Gratitude
• Good Companions
• Self-Control
• Purity
• Love
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• Released into the world to accomplish whatever purpose God has for him or her
I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.
God’s way is the best way!