

# Adopting God's View of Children

## Lecture Three

### A. The Culture's Disdain for Children

#### 1. The Arrival of Modern \_\_\_\_\_

When you separate sex from children, it "frees" women to pursue their own desires without the restraints of responsibility. One no longer needs to concern herself with the care of another person. As a result, she can indulge herself in her own personal pleasure whenever and however she prefers. With this kind of an attitude, a child becomes a burden rather than a blessing.

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Despite the available use of contraceptives, unrestrained sex has resulted in numerous unwanted pregnancies. Because children are viewed as secondary to a mother's preference, she is encouraged to prevent pregnancy on the front-end by using contraceptives and to terminate it on the backend by having an abortion.

#### 3. Feminists' Pursuit for \_\_\_\_\_ in the Workforce

Due to the culturally accepted pursuit of economic equality in the workforce, mothers no longer value their own personal investment into the lives of their children. They have been led to believe that pursuing a career is more fulfilling than raising children.

#### 4. \_\_\_\_\_

#### 5. \_\_\_\_\_ Education

"Researchers found that "early sexual debut increased levels of depression, suicidal ideation, aggressive behavior, psychological distress, anxiety, stress, loneliness, poor well-being, regret and guilt. It also increased negative social behavior such as substance abuse and risky sexual behavior." -Lutzer

#### 6. \_\_\_\_\_

"How do you corrupt children? . . . You normalize the bizarre." - Lutzer

Children are objects exploited for one's own agenda. They are not loved and carefully taught what is right and wrong. They are influenced so as to embrace the ideologies of those who want to see their ideas become main-stream in the culture.

#### 7. Social \_\_\_\_\_

Social media has had multiple adverse effects on children, including but not limited to addiction, substance abuse, obesity, sleep deprivation, depression, social anxiety and cyberbullying.

### A. God's \_\_\_\_\_ of Children

#### 1. Children are \_\_\_\_\_ from God

a. Children are a gift and a \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 127:3-5

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b. God \_\_\_\_\_ children

Gen 4:1

Gen 4:25

Gen 17:16-20

Gen 25:21

Gen 29:31-35

2. Children Should Be Viewed as a \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 127: 5

a. God blessed men and women by \_\_\_\_\_ them children.

Gen 17:16-20

1 Sam 2:20

b. God's blessing of children extends to \_\_\_\_\_

Gen 17:16-20

c. The blessing is tied to parents' \_\_\_\_\_ to scripture

Pro 29:17

Pro 29:15

Pro 10:1

Pro 17:25

3. Children should bring \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 1:7, 13-14.

John 16:21

4. Women Should \_\_\_\_\_ to Have Children to:

a. \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word

Gen 1:28

b. \_\_\_\_\_ children for Christ

1Ti 2:13-15

## Discussion Questions

1. Read Psalm 127:3-5. In what ways do you struggle to view your children as gifts to you from the hand of God?
2. What practical things can you do to remind yourself regularly that they are gifts?
3. In what ways have you adopted the mindset of the world as it pertains to your view of your children. Be as specific as you can in your answer.
4. What can you practically do to change how you think?
5. How might you better obey Scripture in order to view your children as a blessing rather than a burden?