



BOOK SUMMARY

When God wants to do something grand in the world, He visits families. Family is God's priority which is why He is so concerned about the affairs of individuals within the family. The focus of this book is on the remnant through which God fulfils his plan for every family. This remnant are children. I took my time in this book to explain the importance of training children in the Lord and equipping them with values that will help them be bearers of the family identity. In the final part of the book, God placed on my heart to list some prayer points that will draw the hand of God closer to the family.

The continuity of every family lineage starts from the birth of a child. Children are the weapons God uses to create a succession of family legacy. As I have explained, family are group of people bonded by blood. So when a man and woman meet and there is conception, that baby becomes the bearer of that family identity. It doesn't matter the circumstance surrounding the conception. Once you are born, you have arrived and your parents have no choice than to love and care about you. Rick Warren put it perfectly that "*we have accidental parent but we don't have accidental children*". This means the process of conception can be flawed but the fruit of that error has a unique purpose. After the fall, Adam and Eve started having children and that started the multiplication agenda by God. And through children, God have preserved the legacy of families across many generations.

"Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court". Psalm 127:3-5

The text from Psalm 127:3-5 highlights some key points about children.

Firstly, children are a heritage from the Lord. The dictionary describes *heritage* as a legacy from the past that is passed down through generations. It is an identity passed across generations. To God, children are just like a precious relic or mineral or anything of importance passed down for posterity. This means your ability to have children could just be because you belong to a family. They are treasures of great importance which should be protected at all cost.

Secondly, the text describes children as a reward from the Lord. Reward comes from work done. So sometimes God honours a man's faithfulness with children. Hannah kept coming to Shiloh to fellowship until God blessed her with the boy Samuel. Sometimes when child birth delays, try serving the Lord in faithfulness. Do something for the Lord through the Church.

Thirdly, children are described as arrows in the hands of a warrior. In the past your ability to win a battle depends on how many experienced archeries you have. Arrows were as powerful as guns and sophisticated weapons designed in modern times. There is so much about children that we have not explored which is why sometimes we don't value them. The Bible went further to say, *blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them*. It means one child is powerful but to have two or

more is like thousand chariot prepared for war. You don't know what is in your child that is why you even have the audacity to beat and insult them. Show respect to children. Treat them as "royals".

Working in the NGO space for more than a decade, I have seen how special children are. In our NGO, we pick children from the ages of six years and support them till they reach twenty two years. I have witnessed children who join the program some years ago and are now adults pursuing various careers. I couldn't believe these little children have such amazing potentials. Any family which honors children has unlocked the secret to generational blessings.

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